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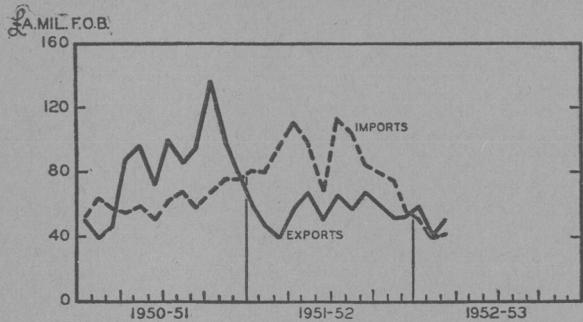
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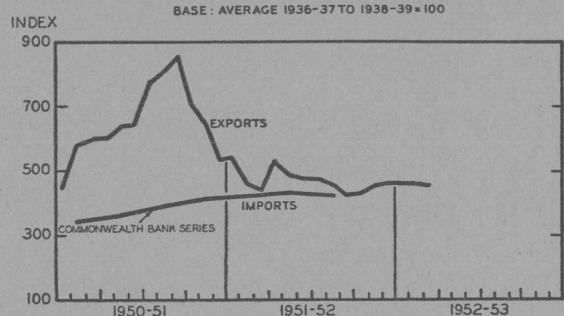
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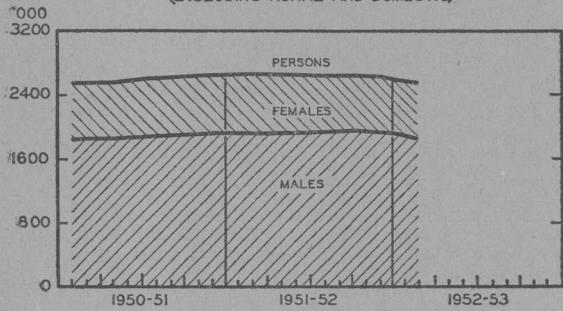
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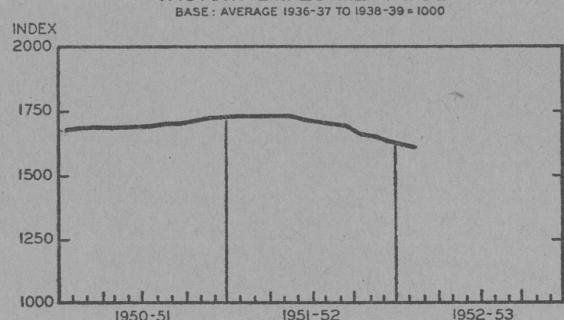
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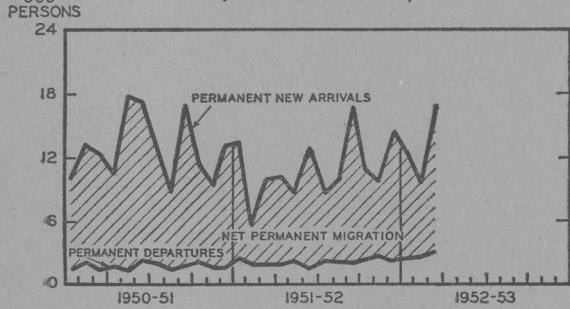
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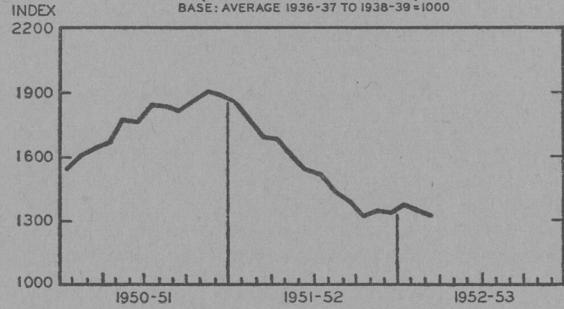
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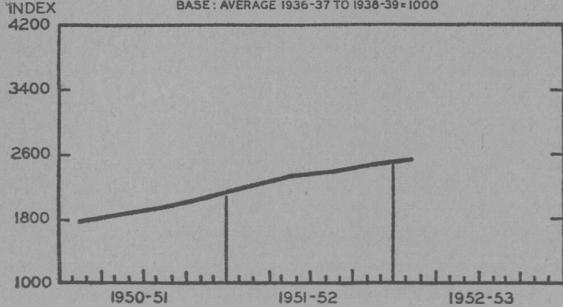


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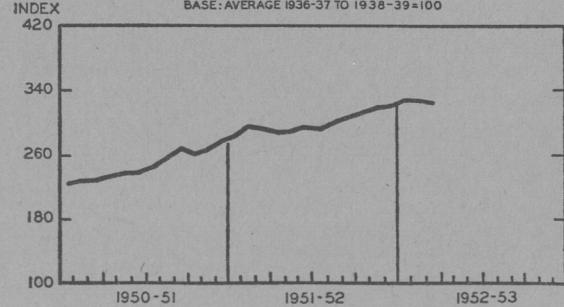
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(SIX CAPITALS)
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BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39=100



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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

| Period. | Employment—Australia. | | | Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia : Index No. (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000). (b) | Overseas Trade (Merchandise only). | | Building Permits (c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses Completed. (d) | Production of Black Coal. | '000 tons. | Million kwh. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|--|------------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | | Imports. | Exports. | | | | | |
| Monthly Average— | '000. | '000. | '000. | | £m. f.o.b. | £m. f.o.b. | £'000. | No. | | | |
| 1932-33 .. | (e)992 | (e)341 | (e)1,333 | n.a. | 5.5 | 8.2 | 565 | n.a. | 732 | 225 | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 8.6 | 12.4 | 1,986 | n.a. | 977 | 331 | |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 10.6 | 11.8 | 2,307 | n.a. | 990 | 363 | |
| 1938-39 .. | (f)1,293 | (f)437 | (f)1,730 | n.a. | 9.4 | 10.2 | 2,353 | n.a. | 1,051 | 391 | |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,379 | 602 | 1,981 | 1,000 | 14.8 | 16.4 | 2,190 | 3,844 | 1,052 | 576 | |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,592 | 610 | 2,202 | 1,037 | 17.4 | 25.7 | 4,084 | 8,152 | 1,178 | 627 | |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,693 | 635 | 2,328 | 1,164 | 28.2 | 33.8 | 4,687 | 10,876 | 1,231 | 697 | |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,757 | 656 | 2,413 | 1,322 | 34.5 | 45.2 | 5,577 | 12,835 | 1,276 | 754 | |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,810 | 675 | 2,485 | 1,451 | 44.7 | 51.1 | 7,129 | 13,871 | 1,243 | 792 | |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,882 | 707 | 2,589 | 1,742 | 61.8 | 81.8 | 10,426 | 16,861 | 1,369 | 875 | |
| 1951-52 .. | 1,915 | 709 | 2,624 | 2,145 | 87.5 | 55.8 | 9,645 | 19,354 | 1,598 | 942 | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 1,844 | 700 | (g)2,544 | { 1,650 | 54.7 | 86.7 | 9,800 | { 18,624 | { 1,529 | 878 | |
| November .. | 1,864 | 708 | (g)2,572 | { 1,650 | 57.7 | 95.8 | 10,783 | { 15,123 | { 1,519 | 842 | |
| December .. | 1,884 | 712 | 2,596 | { 1,815 | 49.6 | 72.2 | 7,369 | | { 1,175 | 806 | |
| January .. | 1,887 | 703 | 2,590 | { 1,815 | 62.2 | 98.8 | 9,599 | | { 797 | 815 | |
| February .. | 1,895 | 713 | 2,608 | { 1,815 | 67.4 | 85.1 | 10,095 | | { 1,153 | 799 | |
| March .. | 1,897 | 716 | 2,613 | { 1,915 | 58.4 | 94.6 | 10,867 | | { 1,313 | 854 | |
| April .. | 1,905 | 718 | 2,623 | { 1,915 | 68.1 | 136.0 | 13,079 | | { 1,443 | 872 | |
| May .. | 1,910 | 719 | 2,629 | { 1,915 | 76.0 | 98.7 | 12,942 | { 17,480 | { 1,526 | 927 | |
| June .. | 1,911 | 719 | 2,630 | { 1,915 | 75.8 | 79.7 | 11,833 | | { 1,484 | 923 | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | r | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,913 | 720 | 2,633 | { 2,020 | 80.7 | 58.3 | 11,792 | { 18,343 | { 1,652 | 997 | |
| August .. | 1,912 | 722 | 2,634 | { 2,020 | 80.1 | 45.9 | 12,906 | { 18,312 | { 1,739 | 1,004 | |
| September .. | 1,907 | 721 | 2,628 | { 2,129 | 94.7 | 39.1 | 10,187 | | { 1,571 | 912 | |
| October .. | 1,909 | 722 | 2,631 | { 2,129 | 110.9 | 57.3 | 11,184 | | { 1,855 | 948 | |
| November .. | 1,919 | 724 | 2,643 | { 2,129 | 97.7 | 66.9 | 9,384 | { 20,651 | { 1,759 | 936 | |
| December .. | 1,916 | 721 | 2,637 | { 2,129 | 68.2 | 49.7 | 7,788 | | { 1,317 | 871 | |
| January .. | 1,917 | 711 | 2,628 | { 2,183 | 114.2 | 64.4 | 7,612 | | { 1,061 | 884 | |
| February .. | 1,921 | 707 | 2,628 | { 2,183 | 106.0 | 56.8 | 8,287 | | { 1,653 | 905 | |
| March .. | 1,924 | 704 | 2,628 | { 2,249 | 85.4 | 66.9 | 8,849 | | { 1,743 | 952 | |
| April .. | 1,920 | 694 | 2,614 | { 2,249 | 81.5 | 59.5 | 8,593 | | { 1,569 | 914 | |
| May .. | 1,914 | 688 | 2,602 | { 2,249 | 75.3 | 51.9 | 9,306 | { 20,109 | { 1,726 | 992 | |
| June .. | 1,908 | 679 | 2,587 | { 2,249 | 54.9 | 52.8 | 9,848 | | { 1,537 | 988 | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,894 | 674 | 2,568 | { 2,305 | 49.9 | 57.5 | 8,544 | | { 1,896 | 1,082 | |
| August .. | 1,882 | 668 | 2,550 | { 2,305 | 39.6 | 41.9 | | | { 1,571 | 1,039 | |
| September .. | 1,871 | 666 | 2,537 | { 2,305 | 42.4 | 50.5 | | | { 1,814 | | |
| October .. | | | | | 43.9 | 85.0 | | | | | |

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27). (d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933. (f) July, 1939. (g) Affected by industrial disputes.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—*continued.*

| Period. | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered.(a) | | Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue. | P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Receipts. (b) | Wholesale Trade— Australia : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. | Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages). | | Bank Debits to Cus- tomer's Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|--|-----------|--|
| | | Motor Cars. | Com- mercial Vehicles. | | | | Deposits. | Advances. | |
| | | '000 tons. | '000. | '000. | £'000. | £'000. | £m. | £m. | £m. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1932-33.. | .. | 32.7 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 3,017 | 1,053 | 29.1 | 269.9 | 231.0 |
| 1936-37.. | .. | 90.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 3,407 | 1,318 | 37.2 | 297.6 | 262.5 |
| 1937-38.. | .. | 97.2 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 3,632 | 1,396 | 40.6 | 314.8 | 274.4 |
| 1938-39.. | .. | 97.5 | 4.5 | 2.1 | 3,580 | 1,447 | 39.8 | 317.7 | 288.1 |
| 1945-46.. | .. | 88.5 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 5,576 | 2,371 | 55.7 | 606.4 | 212.2 |
| 1946-47.. | .. | 109.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 5,303 | 2,484 | 66.8 | 636.6 | 261.1 |
| 1947-48.. | .. | 112.1 | 3.6 | 2.4 | (c)6,376 | 2,616 | 79.5 | 673.5 | 329.9 |
| 1948-49.. | .. | 98.2 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 7,174 | 2,776 | 93.4 | 776.4 | 368.6 |
| 1949-50.. | .. | 101.5 | 9.6 | 4.8 | 7,702 | 3,196 | 110.2 | 910.1 | 403.9 |
| 1950-51.. | .. | 120.3 | 10.6 | 6.5 | 8,834 | 3,732 | 140.5 | 1,144.2 | 479.3 |
| 1951-52.. | .. | 127.4 | 10.4 | 6.1 | 11,668 | 4,948 | | 1,201.7 | 621.4 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | .. | 136.0 | 11.9 | 7.5 | 7,732 | 3,604 | 146.0 | 1,057.1 | 465.0 |
| November .. | .. | 134.2 | 11.8 | 8.0 | 6,838 | 3,563 | 137.7 | 1,096.5 | 476.5 |
| December .. | .. | 120.8 | 9.9 | 6.0 | 8,480 | 3,996 | 133.9 | 1,133.5 | 490.5 |
| January .. | .. | 94.9 | 7.7 | 5.0 | 9,323 | 3,574 | 119.9 | 1,159.1 | 482.0 |
| February .. | .. | 99.6 | 10.1 | 5.9 | 8,702 | 3,710 | 143.4 | 1,198.2 | 495.3 |
| March .. | .. | 109.6 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 9,144 | 3,695 | 151.1 | 1,285.1 | 507.2 |
| April .. | .. | 132.1 | 9.7 | 5.9 | 9,400 | 4,099 | 154.7 | 1,297.0 | 502.3 |
| May .. | .. | 118.6 | 10.6 | 6.5 | 10,234 | 4,361 | 159.2 | 1,291.8 | 496.9 |
| June .. | .. | 117.9 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 10,761 | 4,284 | 160.0 | 1,237.7 | 509.5 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 114.7 | 10.7 | 7.0 | 10,129 | 4,346 | 162.1 | 1,204.3 | 527.6 |
| August .. | .. | 141.5 | 13.6 | 9.4 | 10,697 | 4,555 | 172.6 | 1,190.6 | 541.6 |
| September .. | .. | 135.3 | 10.8 | 6.3 | 10,037 | 4,090 | 172.1 | 1,177.3 | 568.5 |
| October .. | .. | 126.7 | 12.1 | 6.5 | 11,438 | 5,203 | 168.2 | 1,179.2 | 593.8 |
| November .. | .. | 139.2 | 11.9 | 6.8 | 12,635 | 4,775 | 177.7 | 1,190.7 | 620.7 |
| December .. | .. | 137.1 | 9.9 | 5.4 | 11,701 | 5,309 | 153.3 | 1,242.4 | 624.8 |
| January .. | .. | 140.1 | 8.2 | 4.6 | 12,167 | 4,840 | 145.7 | 1,218.3 | 638.6 |
| February .. | .. | 128.6 | 9.6 | 5.3 | 12,420 | 5,023 | 161.0 | 1,228.5 | 654.6 |
| March .. | .. | 137.2 | 11.0 | 5.9 | 12,168 | 4,940 | 158.9 | 1,241.3 | 664.1 |
| April .. | .. | 118.2 | 10.2 | 5.4 | 11,684 | 4,834 | p163.3 | 1,246.6 | 667.9 |
| May .. | .. | 92.1 | 9.7 | 5.6 | 12,968 | 5,798 | p161.6 | 1,182.0 | 675.6 |
| June .. | .. | 99.7 | 7.8 | 5.1 | 11,972 | 5,657 | | 1,122.9 | 691.2 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 147.2 | 7.6 | 4.7 | 12,118 | 5,334 | | 1,072.1 | 699.3 |
| August .. | .. | 153.1 | 6.6 | 4.0 | | 5,121 | | 1,059.5 | 690.4 |
| September .. | .. | 152.1 | 7.2 | 4.1 | | 5,382 | | 1,054.1 | 682.0 |
| October .. | .. | p9.0 | p4.4 | | | 5,702 | | 1,077.7 | 673.4 |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Actual collections.

(c) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 14,627 | 29,634 | 16,129 | 13,505 | 496 | 14,291 | 6,835,536 |
| 1937-38 | 15,529 | 29,924 | 16,170 | 13,754 | 1,676 | 15,751 | 6,898,541 |
| 1938-39 | 15,279 | 30,636 | 17,023 | 13,613 | 3,339 | 17,303 | 6,967,754 |
| 1945-46 | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | 18,051 | 39,002 | 18,048 | 20,954 | -2,441 | 18,366 | 7,465,157 |
| 1947-48 | 19,399 | 48,072 | 18,401 | 29,671 | -1,611 | 28,550 | d7,579,358 |
| 1948-49 | 19,008 | 44,252 | 18,876 | 25,376 | 7,341 | 32,717 | 7,710,228 |
| 1949-50 | 18,498 | 44,149 | 19,041 | 25,108 | 25,287 | 50,395 | 7,911,806 |
| 1950-51 | 18,558 | 47,048 | 19,001 | 28,047 | 40,387 | 68,434 | 8,185,541 |
| 1951-52 | 19,211 | 48,114 | 19,896 | 28,218 | 33,244 | 61,462 | 8,431,390 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 15,450 | 47,405 | 22,219 | 25,186 | 35,671 | 60,857 | 7,972,663 |
| December .. | 19,823 | 46,613 | 17,858 | 28,755 | 49,464 | 78,219 | 8,050,882 |
| March .. | 19,258 | 47,478 | 16,996 | 30,482 | 44,970 | 75,452 | 8,126,334 |
| June .. | 19,699 | 46,696 | 18,931 | 27,765 | 31,442 | 59,207 | 8,185,541 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 16,636 | 48,433 | 23,668 | 24,765 | 31,278 | 56,043 | 8,241,584 |
| December .. | 20,006 | 47,984 | 18,592 | 29,392 | 44,815 | 74,207 | 8,315,791 |
| March .. | 20,387 | 48,012 | 17,239 | 30,773 | 33,633 | 64,406 | 8,380,197 |
| June .. | 19,814 | 48,025 | 20,083 | 27,942 | 23,251 | 51,193 | 8,431,390 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 16,610 | 49,681 | 24,114 | 25,567 | 23,487 | 49,054 | 8,480,444 |
| December .. | 20,487 | 47,580 | 20,352 | 27,228 | 31,062 | 58,290 | 8,538,734 |
| March .. | 19,409 | 50,404 | 18,228 | 32,176 | 27,698 | 59,874 | 8,598,608 |
| June .. | 19,078 | 49,248 | 19,949 | 29,299 | 20,632 | 49,931 | 8,648,539 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | .. | | | | | 24,883 | |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947. (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

POPULATION: STATES.

| Date. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 30th June— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939 .. | 2,748,393 | 1,878,480 | 1,018,007 | 596,563 | 470,044 | 237,419 | 6,281 | 12,567 | 6,967,754 |
| 1946 .. | 2,944,700 | 2,025,134 | 1,089,557 | 634,829 | 492,510 | 251,998 | 10,562 | 15,867 | 7,465,157 |
| 1947 .. | 2,984,838 | 2,054,701 | 1,106,415 | 646,073 | 502,480 | 257,078 | 10,868 | 16,905 | 7,579,358 |
| 1948 .. | 3,025,318 | 2,090,668 | 1,127,316 | 658,024 | 515,302 | 262,364 | 12,458 | (a)18,778 | 7,710,228 |
| 1949 .. | 3,113,659 | 2,139,124 | 1,150,771 | 673,069 | 532,667 | 269,383 | 13,800 | (a)19,333 | 7,911,806 |
| 1950 .. | 3,225,242 | 2,202,870 | 1,183,792 | 700,257 | 557,918 | 279,386 | 15,304 | (a)20,772 | 8,185,541 |
| 1951 .. | 3,317,182 | 2,269,291 | 1,211,239 | 720,040 | 581,486 | 290,838 | 16,422 | 24,892 | 8,431,390 |
| 1952 .. | 3,388,437 | 2,335,475 | 1,238,425 | 739,563 | 601,266 | 302,111 | 16,478 | 26,784 | 8,648,539 |

(a) Revised estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,415; 1950, 23,867.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period. | Temporary. | | | | Permanent. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | Australian Residents. | | Visitors from Overseas. | | Arrivals. | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-). |
| | Arriving. | Departing. | Arriving. | Departing. | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,910 | 1,937 | 2,294 | 2,297 | 1,148 | 953 | + 195 |
| 1937-38 | 2,127 | 2,060 | 2,617 | 2,678 | 1,478 | 925 | + 553 |
| 1938-39 | 2,145 | 1,966 | 2,649 | 2,742 | 2,081 | 1,055 | + 1,026 |
| 1945-46(a) | 353 | 344 | 550 | 663 | 1,063 | 1,772 | — 709 |
| 1946-47(a) | 793 | 940 | 1,229 | 1,430 | 1,918 | 2,107 | — 189 |
| 1947-48 | 2,238 | 1,981 | 1,729 | 1,897 | 3,881 | 1,523 | + 2,358 |
| 1948-49 | 2,008 | 1,898 | 2,829 | 2,566 | 9,568 | 1,511 | + 8,057 |
| 1949-50 | 2,336 | 2,500 | 3,470 | 3,644 | 15,407 | 1,608 | +13,799 |
| 1950-51 | 2,812 | 2,617 | 3,594 | 3,753 | 12,774 | 1,729 | +11,045 |
| 1951-52 | 3,251 | 3,233 | 3,895 | 4,085 | 10,872 | 2,126 | + 8,746 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| October | 4,075 | 1,645 | 4,197 | 3,375 | 10,416 | 1,656 | + 8,760 |
| November | 3,664 | 1,274 | 3,371 | 2,804 | 17,656 | 1,365 | +16,291 |
| December | 3,207 | 3,510 | 3,851 | 5,137 | 17,429 | 2,285 | +15,144 |
| January | 2,842 | 2,777 | 2,875 | 4,132 | 13,219 | 2,040 | +11,179 |
| February | 3,741 | 3,517 | 4,936 | 3,567 | 8,650 | 1,499 | + 7,151 |
| March | 2,986 | 3,655 | 4,698 | 4,133 | 16,854 | 1,848 | +15,006 |
| April | 2,386 | 4,153 | 3,511 | 4,125 | 11,264 | 2,061 | + 9,203 |
| May | 2,050 | 3,444 | 3,769 | 4,175 | 9,333 | 1,575 | + 7,758 |
| June | 1,784 | 2,512 | 3,040 | 3,464 | 13,112 | 1,489 | +11,623 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,129 | 2,606 | 2,928 | 3,482 | 13,445 | 2,418 | +11,027 |
| August | 3,111 | 2,021 | 3,307 | 3,306 | 5,602 | 1,907 | + 3,695 |
| September | 2,988 | 1,927 | 3,191 | 3,503 | 9,881 | 1,925 | + 7,956 |
| October | 4,137 | 2,037 | 4,261 | 3,491 | 10,109 | 1,797 | + 8,312 |
| November | 3,688 | 2,440 | 3,363 | 4,408 | 8,476 | 2,173 | + 6,303 |
| December | 4,274 | 3,443 | 5,103 | 3,709 | 12,597 | 1,448 | +11,149 |
| January | 4,333 | 3,359 | 4,502 | 4,908 | 8,558 | 2,302 | + 6,256 |
| February | 3,249 | 4,186 | 4,292 | 4,409 | 9,996 | 2,139 | + 7,857 |
| March | 3,997 | 4,655 | 4,682 | 4,613 | 16,675 | 2,015 | +14,660 |
| April | 2,452 | 4,497 | 4,065 | 4,366 | 10,949 | 2,353 | + 8,596 |
| May | 2,318 | 4,703 | 3,950 | 5,036 | 9,650 | 2,730 | + 6,920 |
| June | 2,331 | 2,919 | 3,092 | 3,786 | 14,524 | 2,309 | +12,215 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,609 | 2,938 | 3,537 | 3,572 | 12,474 | 2,649 | + 9,825 |
| August | 2,824 | 2,092 | 3,072 | 3,843 | 9,537 | 2,682 | + 6,855 |
| September | 3,696 | 2,561 | 3,604 | 4,007 | 10,774 | 2,900 | + 7,874 |
| October | 4,161 | 2,294 | 3,854 | 3,818 | 6,781 | 2,820 | + 3,961 |

(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

(000.)

| Month. | Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.) | | | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|---------|---|------------------------|---|--|------------------|---|-------|
| | Govern- ment- al Autho- rity- es.(b) | Private Employers. | Total. | Mining and Quarry- ing. | Facto- ries. (c) | Build- ing and Con- struction. | Trans- port and Communi- cation. | Retail Trade. | Other Com- merce and Finance. | |
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 349.8 | 943.3 | 1,293.1 | 52.2 | 391.5 | 149.7 | 185.9 | 259.7 | 133.6 |
| 1950—June | .. | 553.5 | 1,305.2 | 1,858.7 | 53.9 | 659.0 | 197.2 | 292.8 | 127.1 | 178.0 |
| 1951—June | .. | 570.4 | 1,341.1 | 1,911.5 | 55.8 | 674.7 | 212.7 | 294.7 | 129.7 | 188.4 |
| 1952—June | .. | 577.4 | 1,330.7 | 1,908.1 | 58.8 | 661.6 | 214.0 | 299.9 | 124.8 | 191.2 |
| 1951—June | .. | 570.4 | 1,341.1 | 1,911.5 | 55.8 | 674.7 | 212.7 | 294.7 | 129.7 | 188.4 |
| July | .. | 571.2 | 1,341.6 | 1,912.8 | 55.7 | 675.3 | 214.7 | 294.0 | 129.5 | 187.6 |
| August | .. | 569.2 | 1,342.7 | 1,911.9 | 55.7 | 675.3 | 215.2 | 292.8 | 129.2 | 188.0 |
| September | .. | 562.4 | 1,344.6 | 1,907.0 | 55.7 | 674.0 | 213.8 | 290.3 | 128.7 | 189.4 |
| 1952—June | .. | 577.4 | 1,330.7 | 1,908.1 | 58.8 | 661.6 | 214.0 | 299.9 | 124.8 | 191.2 |
| July | .. | 576.5 | 1,317.5 | 1,894.0 | 59.3 | 655.3 | 209.9 | 299.3 | 124.0 | 188.7 |
| August | .. | 573.9 | 1,307.9 | 1,881.8 | 59.4 | 650.0 | 204.8 | 297.5 | 123.4 | 188.1 |
| September | .. | 571.3 | 1,299.6 | 1,870.9 | 59.8 | 645.0 | 200.5 | 295.0 | 122.7 | 188.9 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 55.2 | 381.9 | 437.1 | 0.3 | 148.2 | 1.2 | 12.6 | 114.9 | 129.0 |
| 1950—June | .. | 107.6 | 580.6 | 688.2 | 0.7 | 223.8 | 3.3 | 38.8 | 113.3 | 64.8 |
| 1951—June | .. | 113.8 | 605.0 | 718.8 | 0.8 | 234.4 | 3.8 | 40.1 | 119.1 | 71.3 |
| 1952—June | .. | 115.2 | 564.2 | 679.4 | 0.9 | 199.2 | 4.2 | 39.5 | 112.6 | 72.9 |
| 1951—June | .. | 113.8 | 605.0 | 718.8 | 0.8 | 234.4 | 3.8 | 40.1 | 119.1 | 71.3 |
| July | .. | 114.9 | 605.3 | 720.2 | 0.8 | 234.6 | 3.8 | 40.1 | 119.1 | 71.5 |
| August | .. | 114.6 | 607.5 | 722.1 | 0.8 | 235.2 | 3.9 | 40.1 | 119.1 | 72.5 |
| September | .. | 112.4 | 608.3 | 720.7 | 0.8 | 235.5 | 3.9 | 39.5 | 118.5 | 73.0 |
| 1952—June | .. | 115.2 | 564.2 | 679.4 | 0.9 | 199.2 | 4.2 | 39.5 | 112.6 | 72.9 |
| July | .. | 115.4 | 558.8 | 674.2 | 0.9 | 196.2 | 4.3 | 38.9 | 111.5 | 72.4 |
| August | .. | 114.8 | 553.2 | 668.0 | 0.9 | 193.4 | 4.4 | 38.4 | 109.7 | 71.8 |
| September | .. | 113.7 | 552.2 | 665.9 | 0.9 | 192.3 | 4.4 | 37.9 | 109.1 | 71.9 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July | .. | 405.0 | 1,325.2 | 1,730.2 | 52.5 | 539.7 | 150.9 | 198.5 | 374.6 | 262.6 |
| 1950—June | .. | 661.1 | 1,885.8 | 2,546.9 | 54.6 | 882.8 | 200.5 | 331.6 | 240.4 | 242.8 |
| 1951—June | .. | 684.2 | 1,946.1 | 2,630.3 | 56.6 | 909.1 | 216.5 | 334.8 | 248.8 | 259.7 |
| 1952—June | .. | 692.6 | 1,894.9 | 2,587.5 | 59.7 | 860.8 | 218.2 | 339.4 | 237.4 | 264.1 |
| 1951—June | .. | 684.2 | 1,946.1 | 2,630.3 | 56.6 | 909.1 | 216.5 | 334.8 | 248.8 | 259.7 |
| July | .. | 686.1 | 1,946.9 | 2,633.0 | 56.5 | 909.9 | 218.5 | 334.1 | 248.6 | 259.1 |
| August | .. | 683.8 | 1,950.2 | 2,634.0 | 56.5 | 910.5 | 219.1 | 332.9 | 248.3 | 260.5 |
| September | .. | 674.8 | 1,952.9 | 2,627.7 | 56.5 | 909.5 | 217.7 | 329.8 | 247.2 | 262.4 |
| 1952—June | .. | 692.6 | 1,894.9 | 2,587.5 | 59.7 | 860.8 | 218.2 | 339.4 | 237.4 | 264.1 |
| July | .. | 691.9 | 1,876.3 | 2,568.2 | 60.2 | 851.5 | 214.2 | 338.2 | 235.5 | 261.1 |
| August | .. | 688.7 | 1,861.1 | 2,549.8 | 60.3 | 843.4 | 209.2 | 335.9 | 233.1 | 259.9 |
| September | .. | 685.0 | 1,851.8 | 2,536.8 | 60.7 | 837.3 | 204.9 | 332.9 | 231.8 | 260.8 |

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1945 (Factories, July, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)
('000.)

| Month. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 529.9 | 357.5 | 172.8 | 106.7 | 82.9 | 37.4 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 1,293.1 |
| 1950—June .. | 740.8 | 510.7 | 250.4 | 165.7 | 120.5 | 58.4 | 4.5 | 7.7 | 1,858.7 |
| 1951—June .. | 758.2 | 525.8 | 259.3 | 170.0 | 125.3 | 60.2 | 4.6 | 8.1 | 1,911.5 |
| 1952—June .. | 754.4 | 524.4 | 258.1 | 171.5 | 126.0 | 61.0 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 1,908.1 |
| 1951—May .. | 757.9 | 525.3 | 259.2 | 169.8 | 124.7 | 60.6 | 4.6 | 8.2 | 1,910.3 |
| June .. | 758.2 | 525.8 | 259.3 | 170.0 | 125.3 | 60.2 | 4.6 | 8.1 | 1,911.5 |
| July .. | 758.4 | 525.3 | 260.5 | 170.0 | 125.6 | 60.2 | 4.7 | 8.1 | 1,912.8 |
| August .. | 758.7 | 524.2 | 261.1 | 169.6 | 125.5 | 60.0 | 4.7 | 8.1 | 1,911.9 |
| September .. | 756.5 | 523.0 | 260.2 | 169.1 | 125.4 | 60.3 | 4.6 | 7.9 | 1,907.0 |
| 1952—May .. | 756.4 | 527.8 | 257.5 | 171.7 | 126.7 | 61.1 | 4.3 | 8.3 | 1,913.8 |
| June .. | 754.4 | 524.4 | 258.1 | 171.5 | 126.0 | 61.0 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 1,908.1 |
| July .. | 748.2 | 520.2 | 256.9 | 170.5 | 125.2 | 60.3 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 1,894.0 |
| August .. | 741.1 | 517.2 | 255.6 | 169.4 | 125.6 | 60.1 | 4.4 | 8.4 | 1,881.8 |
| September .. | 735.3 | 514.7 | 254.9 | 168.5 | 125.2 | 59.5 | 4.4 | 8.4 | 1,870.9 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 168.0 | 142.9 | 53.2 | 34.0 | 26.2 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 437.1 |
| 1950—June .. | 278.5 | 210.0 | 83.1 | 54.3 | 39.9 | 19.4 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 688.2 |
| 1951—June .. | 290.9 | 219.6 | 86.1 | 57.0 | 41.6 | 20.3 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 718.8 |
| 1952—June .. | 270.5 | 206.6 | 83.8 | 54.9 | 40.5 | 19.8 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 679.4 |
| 1951—May .. | 291.0 | 219.6 | 86.3 | 56.9 | 41.6 | 20.4 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 719.1 |
| June .. | 290.9 | 219.6 | 86.1 | 57.0 | 41.6 | 20.3 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 718.8 |
| July .. | 291.2 | 219.9 | 87.1 | 56.9 | 41.5 | 20.3 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 720.2 |
| August .. | 292.6 | 220.2 | 87.6 | 57.0 | 41.6 | 19.9 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 722.1 |
| September .. | 292.8 | 219.1 | 87.4 | 57.0 | 41.5 | 19.7 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 720.7 |
| 1952—May .. | 274.3 | 209.4 | 84.3 | 55.6 | 41.1 | 20.2 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 688.2 |
| June .. | 270.5 | 206.6 | 83.8 | 54.9 | 40.5 | 19.8 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 679.4 |
| July .. | 267.9 | 205.1 | 83.7 | 54.1 | 40.4 | 19.7 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 674.2 |
| August .. | 265.3 | 202.9 | 83.8 | 53.3 | 40.1 | 19.3 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 668.0 |
| September .. | 263.8 | 202.7 | 83.7 | 53.0 | 40.3 | 19.1 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 665.9 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 697.9 | 500.4 | 226.0 | 140.7 | 109.1 | 49.0 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 1,730.2 |
| 1950—June .. | 1,019.3 | 720.7 | 333.5 | 220.0 | 160.4 | 77.8 | 5.4 | 9.8 | 2,546.9 |
| 1951—June .. | 1,049.1 | 745.4 | 345.4 | 227.0 | 166.9 | 80.5 | 5.4 | 10.6 | 2,630.3 |
| 1952—June .. | 1,024.9 | 731.0 | 341.9 | 226.4 | 166.5 | 80.8 | 5.2 | 10.8 | 2,587.5 |
| 1951—May .. | 1,048.9 | 744.9 | 345.5 | 226.7 | 166.3 | 81.0 | 5.4 | 10.7 | 2,629.4 |
| June .. | 1,049.1 | 745.4 | 345.4 | 227.0 | 166.9 | 80.5 | 5.4 | 10.6 | 2,630.3 |
| July .. | 1,049.6 | 745.2 | 347.6 | 226.9 | 167.1 | 80.5 | 5.5 | 10.6 | 2,633.0 |
| August .. | 1,051.3 | 744.4 | 348.7 | 226.6 | 167.1 | 79.9 | 5.5 | 10.5 | 2,634.0 |
| September .. | 1,049.3 | 742.1 | 347.6 | 226.1 | 166.9 | 80.0 | 5.4 | 10.3 | 2,627.7 |
| 1952—May .. | 1,030.7 | 737.2 | 341.8 | 227.3 | 167.8 | 81.3 | 5.1 | 10.8 | 2,602.0 |
| June .. | 1,024.9 | 731.0 | 341.9 | 226.4 | 166.5 | 80.8 | 5.2 | 10.8 | 2,587.5 |
| July .. | 1,016.1 | 725.3 | 340.6 | 224.6 | 165.6 | 80.0 | 5.2 | 10.8 | 2,568.2 |
| August .. | 1,006.4 | 720.1 | 339.4 | 222.7 | 165.7 | 79.4 | 5.2 | 10.9 | 2,549.8 |
| September .. | 999.1 | 717.4 | 338.6 | 221.5 | 165.5 | 78.6 | 5.2 | 10.9 | 2,536.8 |

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.(a)

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Vic- to- ria. | Queens- land. | South Aus- tralia. | Western Aus- tralia. | Tas- mania. | Australia. | | | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|--|---|
| | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. | |
| | | | | | | | Un- adjusted. | | Divided by Index of Total Population. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 197.8 | 183.0 | 45.9 | 39.3 | 21.4 | 11.8 | 359.6 | 139.6 | 499.2 | 950 959 |
| 1937-38 .. | 215.6 | 193.6 | 49.6 | 42.6 | 22.0 | 12.5 | 387.7 | 148.2 | 535.9 | 1,019 1,019 |
| 1938-39 .. | 219.5 | 193.9 | 51.5 | 42.0 | 22.1 | 13.2 | 391.8 | 150.4 | 542.2 | 1,031 1,022 |
| 1945-46 .. | 300.9 | 245.9 | 63.0 | 60.9 | 29.1 | 18.4 | 524.8 | 193.4 | 718.2 | 1,366 1,264 |
| 1946-47 .. | 331.3 | 256.1 | 68.6 | 68.2 | 32.2 | 19.2 | 578.2 | 197.4 | 775.6 | 1,475 1,347 |
| 1947-48 .. | 349.8 | 268.1 | 73.0 | 71.1 | 34.0 | 20.3 | 611.5 | 204.8 | 816.3 | 1,553 1,397 |
| 1948-49 p .. | 358.8 | 274.9 | 76.8 | 73.4 | 35.2 | 21.2 | 628.0 | 212.3 | 840.3 | 1,598 1,408 |
| 1949-50 p .. | 358.8 | 281.5 | 79.6 | 75.7 | 36.6 | 21.9 | 636.9 | 217.2 | 854.1 | 1,624 1,386 |
| 1950-51 p .. | 379.0 | 290.4 | 83.2 | 80.8 | 38.6 | 22.2 | 664.8 | 229.4 | 894.2 | 1,701 1,408 |
| 1951-52 p .. | 377.9 | 292.2 | 83.1 | 81.3 | 38.8 | 22.0 | 672.3 | 223.0 | 895.3 | 1,703 1,369 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 376.2 | 287.1 | 83.3 | 79.9 | 38.1 | 21.5 | 660.2 | 225.9 | 886.1 | 1,685 1,408 |
| October(b) .. | 378.0 | 283.2 | 82.9 | 80.0 | 38.2 | 21.3 | 655.9 | 227.7 | 883.6 | 1,681 1,401 |
| November(b) .. | 379.2 | 286.1 | 83.0 | 80.2 | 38.3 | 21.7 | 658.9 | 229.6 | 888.5 | 1,690 1,404 |
| December .. | 377.6 | 290.8 | 81.2 | 80.5 | 38.3 | 22.7 | 663.0 | 228.1 | 891.1 | 1,695 1,404 |
| January .. | 378.1 | 291.1 | 81.5 | 81.3 | 38.5 | 22.3 | 666.4 | 226.4 | 892.8 | 1,698 1,404 |
| February .. | 380.4 | 293.6 | 82.4 | 81.6 | 39.0 | 22.4 | 667.5 | 231.9 | 899.4 | 1,711 1,411 |
| March .. | 379.1 | 293.8 | 83.4 | 81.8 | 39.1 | 22.6 | 667.6 | 232.2 | 899.8 | 1,711 1,407 |
| April .. | 381.7 | 295.3 | 84.2 | 81.6 | 39.1 | 22.8 | 671.1 | 233.6 | 904.7 | 1,721 1,412 |
| May .. | 383.5 | 295.3 | 85.4 | 81.6 | 39.4 | 23.1 | 674.0 | 234.3 | 908.3 | 1,728 1,413 |
| June .. | 384.4 | 295.6 | 85.3 | 81.7 | 39.5 | 22.6 | 674.7 | 234.4 | 909.1 | 1,729 1,410 |
| 1951-52 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 384.8 | 295.5 | 86.2 | 81.7 | 39.5 | 22.2 | 675.3 | 234.6 | 909.9 | 1,731 1,408 |
| August .. | 385.4 | 295.2 | 87.4 | 81.6 | 39.5 | 21.4 | 675.3 | 235.2 | 910.5 | 1,732 1,405 |
| September .. | 385.2 | 295.6 | 86.8 | 81.4 | 39.0 | 21.5 | 674.0 | 235.5 | 909.5 | 1,730 1,400 |
| October .. | 386.0 | 297.5 | 86.0 | 81.8 | 39.3 | 21.3 | 676.0 | 235.9 | 911.9 | 1,734 1,399 |
| November .. | 386.9 | 297.3 | 85.3 | 81.9 | 39.4 | 21.5 | 678.8 | 233.5 | 912.3 | 1,735 1,399 |
| December .. | 383.9 | 294.9 | 81.2 | 81.9 | 39.1 | 22.0 | 674.1 | 228.9 | 903.0 | 1,718 1,383 |
| January .. | 380.2 | 294.5 | 80.3 | 82.3 | 39.0 | 22.5 | 675.4 | 223.4 | 898.8 | 1,710 1,374 |
| February .. | 378.1 | 292.4 | 80.9 | 81.5 | 38.9 | 22.2 | 674.1 | 219.9 | 894.0 | 1,700 1,363 |
| March .. | 375.2 | 291.7 | 79.7 | 81.7 | 38.9 | 22.2 | 672.9 | 216.5 | 889.4 | 1,692 1,354 |
| April .. | 367.7 | 286.9 | 79.9 | 81.2 | 38.3 | 22.5 | 667.8 | 208.7 | 876.5 | 1,667 1,330 |
| May .. | 361.9 | 284.1 | 81.7 | 79.9 | 38.0 | 22.3 | 663.3 | 204.6 | 867.9 | 1,651 1,316 |
| June .. | 358.9 | 280.9 | 82.1 | 79.3 | 37.6 | 22.0 | 661.6 | 199.2 | 860.8 | 1,637 1,301 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 354.1 | 277.9 | 82.3 | 78.4 | 37.4 | 21.4 | 655.3 | 196.2 | 851.5 | 1,619 1,284 |
| August .. | 350.3 | 274.5 | 82.7 | 77.1 | 38.0 | 20.8 | 650.0 | 193.4 | 843.4 | 1,604 1,269 |
| September .. | 346.8 | 273.6 | 82.3 | 76.2 | 37.8 | 20.6 | 645.0 | 192.3 | 837.3 | 1,593 1,258 |

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.
subject to revision.

(b) Affected by industrial disputes.

(p) Figures since July, 1948,

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

(Estimated Number of Employees in Thousands.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens- land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|-------|
| | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46.. | .. | 74.1 | 53.1 | 24.0 | 17.6 | 13.4 | 5.9 | 99.2 | 89.2 | 188.4 |
| 1946-47.. | .. | 85.1 | 60.5 | 27.8 | 20.4 | 15.2 | 6.5 | 112.4 | 103.4 | 215.8 |
| 1947-48.. | .. | 91.0 | 63.4 | 29.2 | 21.8 | 16.3 | 6.7 | 121.2 | 107.6 | 228.8 |
| 1948-49.. | .. | 93.9 | 65.7 | 29.9 | 22.6 | 17.1 | 6.9 | 125.5 | 111.2 | 236.7 |
| 1949-50.. | .. | 93.4 | 66.8 | 30.2 | 23.1 | 17.6 | 7.0 | 126.7 | 112.0 | 238.7 |
| 1950-51.. | .. | 97.2 | 68.8 | 31.1 | 23.9 | 18.2 | 7.3 | 129.3 | 117.8 | 247.1 |
| 1951-52.. | .. | 95.9 | 68.6 | 31.3 | 23.6 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 128.0 | 117.7 | 245.7 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | 95.0 | 67.2 | 30.7 | 23.4 | 17.8 | 7.0 | 127.6 | 114.1 | 241.7 |
| October | .. | 97.1 | 67.7 | 30.8 | 23.6 | 17.8 | 7.2 | 128.0 | 116.8 | 244.8 |
| November | .. | 100.6 | 69.7 | 31.1 | 24.6 | 18.1 | 7.3 | 130.9 | 121.1 | 252.0 |
| December | .. | 104.5 | 70.6 | 32.1 | 24.5 | 19.0 | 7.6 | 134.0 | 124.9 | 258.9 |
| January | .. | 97.1 | 69.2 | 31.5 | 23.9 | 18.3 | 7.3 | 129.8 | 118.1 | 247.9 |
| February | .. | 96.8 | 69.1 | 31.3 | 23.8 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 129.5 | 117.8 | 247.3 |
| March | .. | 96.6 | 69.2 | 31.2 | 23.9 | 18.5 | 7.3 | 129.2 | 118.1 | 247.3 |
| April .. | .. | 96.7 | 69.4 | 31.2 | 23.9 | 18.6 | 7.3 | 129.4 | 118.4 | 247.8 |
| May .. | .. | 96.8 | 69.7 | 31.4 | 24.1 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 129.6 | 118.8 | 248.4 |
| June .. | .. | 96.9 | 69.6 | 31.6 | 24.2 | 18.5 | 7.4 | 129.7 | 119.1 | 248.8 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 96.8 | 69.7 | 31.7 | 23.9 | 18.5 | 7.4 | 129.5 | 119.1 | 248.6 |
| August .. | .. | 96.9 | 69.5 | 31.7 | 24.0 | 18.3 | 7.3 | 129.2 | 119.1 | 248.3 |
| September .. | .. | 96.1 | 69.2 | 31.6 | 23.9 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 128.7 | 118.5 | 247.2 |
| October .. | .. | 96.7 | 68.7 | 31.6 | 24.1 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 128.5 | 118.8 | 247.3 |
| November .. | .. | 99.1 | 70.1 | 32.0 | 24.1 | 18.6 | 7.4 | 130.0 | 122.0 | 252.0 |
| December .. | .. | 101.9 | 70.8 | 32.6 | 24.2 | 19.1 | 7.6 | 132.2 | 124.7 | 256.9 |
| January .. | .. | 96.5 | 69.0 | 31.5 | 24.0 | 18.5 | 7.4 | 128.5 | 119.0 | 247.5 |
| February .. | .. | 95.1 | 68.1 | 31.1 | 23.4 | 18.5 | 7.2 | 127.3 | 116.5 | 243.8 |
| March .. | .. | 94.1 | 67.7 | 30.4 | 23.1 | 18.3 | 7.3 | 126.3 | 115.3 | 241.6 |
| April .. | .. | 92.8 | 66.9 | 30.4 | 23.0 | 18.3 | 7.3 | 125.5 | 113.8 | 239.3 |
| May .. | .. | 92.7 | 66.7 | 30.4 | 23.1 | 18.2 | 7.2 | 125.3 | 113.6 | 238.9 |
| June .. | .. | 91.8 | 66.7 | 30.3 | 22.9 | 17.9 | 7.1 | 124.8 | 112.6 | 237.4 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 90.7 | 66.3 | 30.2 | 22.7 | 17.8 | 7.2 | 124.0 | 111.5 | 235.5 |
| August .. | .. | 89.7 | 65.5 | 29.8 | 22.6 | 17.7 | 7.1 | 123.4 | 109.7 | 233.1 |
| September .. | .. | 89.0 | 64.9 | 29.8 | 22.5 | 17.8 | 7.1 | 122.7 | 109.1 | 231.8 |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period. | | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | |
|--|------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46 | .. | 4,966 | 3,378 | 1,563 | 947 | 689 | 344 | 11,887 | |
| 1946-47 | .. | 5,838 | 3,958 | 1,770 | 1,150 | 827 | 409 | 13,952 | |
| 1947-48 | .. | 6,976 | 4,719 | 2,069 | 1,369 | 954 | 492 | 16,579 | |
| 1948-49 | .. | 8,133 | 5,540 | 2,503 | 1,644 | 1,120 | 580 | 19,520 | |
| 1949-50 | .. | 9,018 | 6,370 | 2,838 | 1,894 | 1,315 | 672 | 22,107 | |
| 1950-51 | .. | 11,385 | 7,916 | 3,501 | 2,389 | 1,639 | 817 | 27,647 | |
| 1951-52 | .. | 14,364 | 9,816 | 4,319 | 3,018 | 2,108 | 1,059 | 34,684 | |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | |
| June | Qtr. | .. | 9,740 | 6,890 | 3,020 | 2,058 | 1,390 | 23,828 | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | 10,024 | 7,075 | 3,167 | 2,129 | 1,493 | 710 | 24,598 | |
| December | .. | 11,233 | 7,688 | 3,487 | 2,277 | 1,575 | 776 | 27,036 | |
| March | .. | 11,413 | 7,893 | 3,443 | 2,449 | 1,641 | 843 | 27,682 | |
| June | .. | 12,869 | 9,010 | 3,907 | 2,701 | 1,846 | 939 | 31,272 | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | 13,387 | 9,292 | 4,099 | 2,808 | 1,987 | 950 | 32,523 | |
| December | .. | 14,988 | 10,122 | 4,439 | 3,054 | 2,110 | 1,046 | 35,759 | |
| March | .. | 14,083 | 9,537 | 4,143 | 3,005 | 2,073 | 1,079 | 33,920 | |
| June | .. | 14,998 | 10,315 | 4,594 | 3,205 | 2,265 | 1,160 | 36,537 | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | 14,934 | 10,181 | 4,661 | 3,243 | 2,281 | 1,107 | 36,407 | |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46 | .. | 6.57 | 6.59 | 5.95 | 5.89 | 6.04 | 5.67 | 6.37 | |
| 1946-47 | .. | 6.81 | 6.86 | 6.00 | 6.19 | 6.18 | 5.94 | 6.59 | |
| 1947-48 | .. | 7.73 | 7.80 | 6.58 | 7.02 | 6.87 | 6.72 | 7.44 | |
| 1948-49 | .. | 8.73 | 8.84 | 7.63 | 8.03 | 7.75 | 7.56 | 8.44 | |
| 1949-50 | .. | 9.50 | 9.78 | 8.34 | 8.83 | 8.65 | 8.49 | 9.26 | |
| 1950-51 | .. | 11.46 | 11.70 | 9.82 | 10.58 | 10.23 | 9.99 | 11.09 | |
| 1951-52 | .. | 14.24 | 14.20 | 11.93 | 13.13 | 12.80 | 12.59 | 13.65 | |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | |
| June | Qtr. | .. | 10.04 | 10.40 | 8.72 | 9.34 | 8.93 | 9.08 | 9.78 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | 10.27 | 10.65 | 9.00 | 9.55 | 9.52 | 8.91 | 10.03 | |
| December | .. | 11.37 | 11.53 | 9.87 | 10.16 | 9.93 | 9.62 | 10.94 | |
| March | .. | 11.41 | 11.51 | 9.65 | 10.76 | 10.14 | 10.17 | 11.01 | |
| June | .. | 12.78 | 13.05 | 10.75 | 11.81 | 11.31 | 11.19 | 12.34 | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | 13.26 | 13.45 | 11.18 | 12.26 | 12.14 | 11.42 | 12.79 | |
| December | .. | 14.75 | 14.65 | 12.21 | 13.31 | 12.83 | 12.47 | 14.04 | |
| March | .. | 13.94 | 13.73 | 11.58 | 13.03 | 12.56 | 12.75 | 13.34 | |
| June | .. | 15.02 | 14.99 | 12.76 | 13.90 | 13.68 | 13.69 | 14.46 | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | 15.23 | 15.06 | 12.96 | 14.26 | 13.93 | 13.35 | 14.62 | |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above. The break in continuity in the State figures is indicated because the basic wage changes over the period may have affected the individual States differently from the Australian average on which the ratio is estimated.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1952*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

| Period. | Unemployment. | | | | | | | Sickness. | Special.(b) |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | New South Wales.(c) | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia.(d) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | Australia.(e) | Australia.(e) |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47.. | .. | 1,815 | 1,697 | 4,610 | 206 | 1,032 | 78 | 9,438 | 8,083 |
| 1947-48.. | .. | 637 | 140 | 2,640 | 49 | 390 | 32 | 3,888 | 8,538 |
| 1948-49.. | .. | 282 | 32 | 1,094 | 15 | 121 | 31 | 1,575 | 7,614 |
| 1949-50.. | .. | 8,327 | 123 | 1,371 | 241 | 155 | 30 | 10,247 | 7,585 |
| 1950-51.. | .. | 287 | 71 | 326 | 6 | 59 | 14 | 763 | 7,059 |
| 1951-52.. | .. | 949 | 220 | 1,374 | 24 | 64 | 16 | 2,647 | 6,454 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| October | .. | 243 | 67 | 127 | 7 | 45 | 17 | 506 | 7,595 |
| November | .. | 214 | 137 | 145 | 6 | 58 | 11 | 571 | 7,212 |
| December | .. | 450 | 129 | 268 | 8 | 63 | 10 | 928 | 6,370 |
| January | .. | 179 | 46 | 401 | 5 | 64 | 9 | 704 | 6,326 |
| February | .. | 170 | 30 | 703 | 6 | 54 | 11 | 974 | 6,890 |
| March | .. | 433 | 43 | 646 | 5 | 54 | 9 | 1,190 | 6,622 |
| April .. | .. | 266 | 48 | 291 | 4 | 53 | 8 | 670 | 6,540 |
| May(e) | .. | 261 | 45 | 309 | 3 | 46 | 7 | 671 | 6,960 |
| June .. | .. | 246 | 32 | 263 | 3 | 50 | 10 | 604 | 7,044 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 233 | 198 | 137 | 5 | 49 | 8 | 630 | 7,145 |
| August .. | .. | 121 | 45 | 138 | 9 | 45 | 9 | 367 | 7,273 |
| September .. | .. | 102 | 206 | 148 | 4 | 38 | 7 | 505 | 7,006 |
| October .. | .. | 118 | 24 | 210 | 6 | 31 | 3 | 392 | 7,066 |
| November .. | .. | 152 | 51 | 483 | 4 | 26 | 3 | 719 | 6,318 |
| December .. | .. | 336 | 126 | 1,551 | 4 | 47 | 3 | 2,067 | 5,562 |
| January .. | .. | 336 | 53 | 2,190 | 3 | 48 | 5 | 2,635 | 5,942 |
| February .. | .. | 460 | 40 | 2,293 | 4 | 50 | 5 | 2,852 | 6,131 |
| March .. | .. | 858 | 111 | 2,742 | 23 | 55 | 7 | 3,796 | 6,408 |
| April .. | .. | 1,370 | 279 | 2,530 | 18 | 55 | 9 | 4,261 | 5,977 |
| May .. | .. | 2,687 | 379 | 2,016 | 57 | 82 | 24 | 5,245 | 6,241 |
| June .. | .. | 4,613 | 1,133 | 2,055 | 153 | 236 | 104 | 8,294 | 6,378 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 7,300 | 2,947 | 2,188 | 448 | 618 | 179 | 13,680 | 6,387 |
| August .. | .. | 13,661 | 6,454 | 2,631 | 878 | 954 | 299 | 24,877 | 6,556 |
| September .. | .. | 15,982 | 7,058 | 2,716 | 954 | 790 | 306 | 27,806 | 6,830 |
| October(f) .. | .. | 19,004 | 7,042 | 3,200 | 1,062 | 875 | 367 | 31,550 | 6,661 |

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951 to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month. (f) From October, 1952, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. | | | Amount Paid in Benefits. | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Unemployment. | Sickness. | Special— | | Total. |
| | | | | | | Migrants. | Ordinary. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1946–47.. | 6,115 | 433 | 6,548 | 75,902 | 59,280 | .. | 2,328 | 137,510 |
| 1947–48.. | 2,273 | 116 | 2,389 | 30,802 | 65,944 | 1,319 | 3,391 | 101,456 |
| 1948–49.. | 955 | 56 | 1,011 | 11,570 | 66,319 | 7,088 | 4,225 | 89,202 |
| 1949–50.. | 10,854 | 2,571 | 13,425 | 105,506 | 68,001 | <u>35,361</u> | | 208,868 |
| 1950–51.. | 881 | 111 | 992 | 5,204 | 62,143 | 13,520 | 5,568 | 86,435 |
| 1951–52.. | 1,771 | 520 | 2,291 | 15,584 | 59,157 | 6,911 | 2,319 | 83,971 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1950–51— | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 419 | 60 | 479 | 2,921 | 64,989 | 14,531 | 5,992 | 88,433 |
| November .. | 911 | 85 | 996 | 6,313 | 71,551 | 14,818 | 6,238 | 98,920 |
| December .. | 1,070 | 119 | 1,189 | 3,458 | 57,693 | 17,231 | 4,991 | 83,373 |
| January .. | 732 | 94 | 826 | 6,879 | 56,967 | 17,756 | 4,999 | 86,601 |
| February .. | 1,238 | 104 | 1,342 | 5,668 | 57,374 | 15,725 | 4,944 | 83,711 |
| March .. | 1,280 | 104 | 1,384 | 8,417 | 65,428 | 3,014 | 5,981 | 82,840 |
| April .. | 1,063 | 89 | 1,152 | 7,689 | 61,701 | 4,368 | 5,120 | 78,878 |
| May .. | 475 | 101 | 576 | 5,927 | 58,965 | 7,441 | 5,652 | 77,985 |
| June .. | 695 | 112 | 807 | 105 | 51,524 | 7,797 | 5,708 | 65,134 |
| 1951–52— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 870 | 109 | 979 | 4,024 | 50,463 | 853 | 5,678 | 61,018 |
| August .. | 475 | 73 | 548 | 3,931 | 68,164 | 667 | 6,430 | 79,192 |
| September .. | 407 | 85 | 492 | 2,518 | 62,451 | 4,509 | 6,689 | 76,167 |
| October .. | 468 | 76 | 544 | 3,409 | 73,246 | 876 | 7,670 | 85,201 |
| November .. | 706 | 121 | 827 | 4,085 | 59,058 | 384 | 6,201 | 69,728 |
| December .. | 1,934 | 241 | 2,175 | 7,920 | 54,718 | 1,082 | 5,951 | 69,671 |
| January .. | 1,940 | 241 | 2,181 | 16,964 | 61,154 | 2,949 | 7,494 | 88,561 |
| February .. | 1,605 | 448 | 2,053 | 24,057 | 58,020 | 3,175 | 7,130 | 92,382 |
| March .. | 2,442 | 947 | 3,389 | 22,279 | 51,699 | 1,401 | 6,608 | 81,987 |
| April .. | 2,251 | 954 | 3,205 | 26,442 | 53,215 | 1,741 | 7,297 | 88,695 |
| May .. | 3,085 | 1,440 | 4,525 | 29,037 | 55,993 | 4,712 | 6,517 | 96,259 |
| June .. | 5,068 | 1,500 | 6,568 | 42,345 | 61,706 | 5,480 | 9,265 | 118,796 |
| 1952–53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 9,037 | 2,049 | 11,086 | 62,782 | 52,981 | 15,648 | 8,391 | 139,802 |
| August .. | 18,387 | 3,257 | 21,644 | 108,369 | 59,372 | 9,963 | 9,420 | 187,124 |
| September .. | 13,491 | 1,914 | 15,405 | 165,905 | 64,754 | 10,213 | 6,007 | 246,879 |
| October .. | 14,502 | 1,839 | 16,341 | | | | | |

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per cent.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1936-37 | 12.8 | 10.1 | 7.4 | 9.4 | 6.0 | 8.4 | 10.6 |
| 1937-38 | 10.0 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 8.5 |
| 1938-39 | 10.3 | 10.0 | 6.0 | 9.4 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 9.3 |
| 1945-46 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| 1946-47 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 1.4 |
| 1947-48 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| 1948-49 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 1949-50 (a) | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 2.0 |
| 1950-51 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 1951-52 p | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | |
| August (a) | 10.2 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 6.5 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 5.5 |
| November | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| February | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| May | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| August | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| November | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| February | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| May | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| August | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| November | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| February p | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| May p | 2.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 3.4 | 2.2 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| August p | 4.2 | 5.0 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 4.0 |

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—Fuller particulars are shown in the Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : CHANGE FROM MAY, 1952, TO AUGUST, 1952.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 1.6% to 4.3%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 1.6% to 2.6%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 3.6% to 6.3%; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 2.9% to 3.9%; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.3% to 1.7%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 5.2% to 10.4%; VII. Building, 2.1% to 3.8%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 2.6% to 2.9%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 5.6% to 5.7%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 1.1% to 3.4%; All groups, 2.2% to 4.0%.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials for use in— | | | | | | Fuels and Lubricants. | Auxiliary Aids to Production. | Munitions and War Stores. | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----|----------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|--|--|
| | Building and Construction. | | Rural Industries. | | Manufacturing. | | | | | | | |
| | Class Ia. | Class Ib. | Class Ic. | | Class I. | Total. | | | | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 347 | 4.0 | 143 | 1.7 | 3,435 | 39.9 | 3,925 | 45.6 | 621 | 7.2 | | |
| 1937-38 .. | 472 | 4.4 | 155 | 1.5 | 4,285 | 40.2 | 4,912 | 46.1 | 784 | 7.4 | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 385 | 4.1 | 171 | 1.8 | 3,599 | 38.2 | 4,155 | 44.1 | 736 | 7.8 | | |
| 1945-46 .. | 258 | 1.8 | 348 | 2.4 | 5,438 | 36.8 | 6,044 | 41.0 | 1,665 | 11.3 | | |
| 1946-47 .. | 405 | 2.3 | 316 | 1.8 | 7,595 | 43.8 | 8,316 | 47.9 | 1,527 | 8.8 | | |
| 1947-48 .. | 727 | 2.6 | 289 | 1.0 | 12,362 | 43.9 | 13,378 | 47.5 | 2,379 | 8.4 | | |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,194 | 3.5 | 318 | 0.9 | 13,545 | 39.2 | 15,057 | 43.6 | 3,037 | 8.8 | | |
| 1949-50 .. | 2,026 | 4.5 | 431 | 1.0 | 14,438 | 32.3 | 16,895 | 37.8 | 3,852 | 8.6 | | |
| 1950-51 .. | 3,416 | 5.5 | 416 | 0.7 | 23,479 | 38.0 | 27,311 | 44.2 | 5,029 | 8.1 | | |
| 1951-52 .. | 4,898 | 5.6 | 518 | 0.6 | 34,630 | 39.6 | 40,046 | 45.8 | 5,902 | 6.7 | | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 2,762 | 5.0 | 490 | 0.9 | 19,394 | 35.5 | 22,646 | 41.4 | 4,907 | 9.0 | | |
| November | 2,807 | 4.9 | 601 | 1.0 | 22,080 | 38.3 | 25,488 | 44.2 | 4,778 | 8.3 | | |
| December | 3,039 | 6.1 | 430 | 0.9 | 18,898 | 38.1 | 22,367 | 45.1 | 3,540 | 7.1 | | |
| January .. | 3,918 | 6.3 | 240 | 0.4 | 21,730 | 34.9 | 25,888 | 41.6 | 5,366 | 8.6 | | |
| February .. | 3,967 | 5.9 | 352 | 0.5 | 23,522 | 34.9 | 27,841 | 41.3 | 6,192 | 9.2 | | |
| March .. | 3,546 | 6.0 | 164 | 0.3 | 22,662 | 38.8 | 26,372 | 45.1 | 3,797 | 6.5 | | |
| April .. | 4,113 | 6.1 | 363 | 0.5 | 27,296 | 40.1 | 31,772 | 46.7 | 5,935 | 8.7 | | |
| May .. | 3,581 | 4.7 | 280 | 0.4 | 33,452 | 44.0 | 37,313 | 49.1 | 5,919 | 7.8 | | |
| June .. | 4,380 | 5.8 | 398 | 0.5 | 32,291 | 42.6 | 37,069 | 48.9 | 5,878 | 7.8 | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 3,232 | 4.0 | 422 | 0.5 | 36,818 | 45.6 | 40,472 | 50.1 | 5,974 | 7.4 | | |
| August .. | 5,175 | 6.4 | 698 | 0.9 | 32,835 | 41.0 | 38,708 | 48.3 | 5,431 | 6.8 | | |
| September .. | 5,183 | 5.5 | 465 | 0.5 | 42,478 | 44.9 | 48,126 | 50.9 | 5,899 | 6.2 | | |
| October .. | 6,367 | 5.7 | 495 | 0.4 | 45,293 | 40.8 | 52,155 | 46.9 | 5,154 | 4.7 | | |
| November .. | 4,714 | 4.8 | 846 | 0.9 | 37,711 | 38.6 | 43,271 | 44.3 | 5,984 | 6.1 | | |
| December .. | 5,638 | 8.2 | 667 | 1.0 | 27,162 | 39.8 | 33,467 | 49.0 | 3,884 | 5.7 | | |
| January .. | 8,144 | 7.1 | 620 | 0.5 | 46,944 | 41.1 | 55,708 | 48.7 | 8,079 | 7.1 | | |
| February .. | 5,604 | 5.3 | 471 | 0.4 | 41,109 | 38.8 | 47,184 | 44.5 | 5,515 | 5.2 | | |
| March .. | 4,736 | 5.5 | 334 | 0.4 | 31,587 | 37.0 | 36,657 | 42.9 | 6,540 | 7.7 | | |
| April .. | 4,528 | 5.6 | 396 | 0.5 | 29,541 | 36.2 | 34,465 | 42.3 | 5,595 | 6.9 | | |
| May .. | 3,629 | 4.8 | 497 | 0.7 | 24,611 | 32.7 | 28,737 | 38.2 | 6,753 | 9.0 | | |
| June .. | 1,828 | 3.3 | 310 | 0.6 | 19,467 | 35.5 | 21,605 | 39.4 | 6,021 | 11.0 | | |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,736 | 3.5 | 385 | 0.8 | 16,940 | 33.9 | 19,061 | 38.2 | 6,608 | 13.3 | | |
| August .. | 836 | 2.1 | 405 | 1.0 | 15,161 | 38.3 | 16,402 | 41.4 | 5,465 | 13.8 | | |
| September .. | 1,490 | 3.5 | 458 | 1.1 | 15,464 | 36.5 | 17,412 | 41.1 | 6,222 | 14.6 | | |
| October .. | 1,722 | 3.9 | 403 | 0.9 | 13,500 | 30.7 | 15,625 | 35.5 | 5,924 | 13.5 | | |

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

| Period. | Capital Equipment. | | | | | Finished Consumers' Goods. | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | | Transport Equipment. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Producers' Equipment. | | Road Vehicles and Complete Parts. | Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft. | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. | | Clothing and Accessories. | | All Other. | | Total. | | |
| | Class IV. | Class V. B. | Class V. A., C., D. | Class VI. A., B., C. | Class VI. D. | Class VI. E.-J. | Class VI. | Class VI. E.-J. | Class VI. | Class VI. E.-J. | Class VI. | Class VI. | |
| Monthly Average— | | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| 1936-37 .. | 884 | 10.3 | 872 | 10.2 | 146 | 1.7 | 516 | 6.0 | 46 | 0.5 | 1,157 | 13.4 | |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,149 | 10.9 | 1,161 | 11.0 | 205 | 1.9 | 531 | 5.0 | 68 | 0.6 | 1,299 | 12.3 | |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,104 | 11.7 | 899 | 9.5 | 119 | 1.3 | 564 | 6.0 | 84 | 0.9 | 1,217 | 12.9 | |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,179 | 8.0 | 970 | 6.5 | 105 | 0.7 | 636 | 4.3 | 51 | 0.3 | 940 | 6.4 | |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,435 | 8.3 | 1,544 | 8.9 | 231 | 1.3 | 868 | 5.0 | 107 | 0.6 | 1,777 | 10.2 | |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,393 | 8.5 | 2,437 | 8.6 | 172 | 0.6 | 1,617 | 5.7 | 280 | 1.0 | 3,330 | 11.9 | |
| 1948-49 .. | 3,409 | 9.9 | 4,231 | 12.2 | 355 | 1.0 | 1,619 | 4.7 | 614 | 1.8 | 3,714 | 10.9 | |
| 1949-50 .. | 5,297 | 11.9 | 8,643 | 19.3 | 497 | 1.1 | 2,163 | 4.8 | 578 | 1.3 | 4,233 | 9.5 | |
| 1950-51 .. | 6,675 | 10.8 | 9,239 | 14.9 | 1,137 | 1.8 | 2,871 | 4.7 | 745 | 1.2 | 5,893 | 9.5 | |
| 1951-52 .. | 9,960 | 11.4 | 10,941 | 12.5 | 1,661 | 1.9 | 3,074 | 3.5 | 1,149 | 1.3 | r8,377 | 9.6 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | r12,600 | 14.4 | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 6,000 | 11.0 | 8,440 | 15.4 | 673 | 1.2 | 2,432 | 4.4 | 586 | 1.1 | 5,913 | 10.8 | |
| November .. | 6,466 | 11.2 | 8,328 | 14.4 | 1,269 | 2.2 | 2,642 | 4.6 | 747 | 1.3 | 5,144 | 8.9 | |
| December .. | 5,226 | 10.5 | 6,965 | 14.1 | 1,256 | 2.5 | 2,287 | 4.6 | 524 | 1.1 | 4,445 | 9.0 | |
| January .. | 6,475 | 10.4 | 10,106 | 16.3 | 896 | 1.4 | 3,149 | 5.1 | 890 | 1.4 | 5,781 | 9.4 | |
| February .. | 8,822 | 13.1 | 10,692 | 15.9 | 1,043 | 1.5 | 2,893 | 4.3 | 846 | 1.3 | 5,866 | 8.7 | |
| March .. | 6,038 | 10.3 | 8,768 | 15.0 | 2,037 | 3.5 | 2,617 | 4.5 | 1,020 | 1.7 | 5,381 | 9.2 | |
| April .. | 6,748 | 9.9 | 8,864 | 13.0 | 1,243 | 1.8 | 2,722 | 4.0 | 830 | 1.2 | 6,454 | 9.5 | |
| May .. | 7,682 | 10.1 | 9,469 | 12.5 | 679 | 0.9 | 3,962 | 5.2 | 741 | 1.0 | 6,569 | 8.6 | |
| June .. | 7,055 | 9.3 | 9,010 | 11.9 | 1,770 | 2.3 | 3,695 | 4.9 | 850 | 1.1 | 7,508 | 9.9 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 12,053 | 15.9 | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | r | r | |
| July .. | 7,027 | 8.7 | 9,250 | 11.5 | 1,321 | 1.6 | 4,659 | 5.8 | 736 | 0.9 | 6,948 | 8.6 | |
| August .. | 9,270 | 11.6 | 10,049 | 12.5 | 1,278 | 1.6 | 3,443 | 4.3 | 831 | 1.0 | 8,098 | 10.1 | |
| September .. | 8,876 | 9.4 | 9,780 | 10.3 | 1,421 | 1.5 | 3,815 | 4.0 | 1,399 | 1.5 | 9,009 | 9.5 | |
| October .. | 10,985 | 9.9 | 14,083 | 12.7 | 1,958 | 1.8 | 4,327 | 3.9 | 1,560 | 1.4 | 11,974 | 10.8 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 17,861 | 16.1 | |
| November .. | 9,795 | 10.0 | 13,582 | 13.9 | 2,110 | 2.2 | 3,687 | 3.8 | 1,558 | 1.6 | 10,681 | 10.9 | |
| December .. | 7,210 | 10.6 | 8,087 | 11.9 | 1,053 | 1.5 | 2,039 | 3.0 | 1,065 | 1.6 | 7,233 | 10.6 | |
| January .. | 11,374 | 10.0 | 13,992 | 12.2 | 2,864 | 2.5 | 3,096 | 2.7 | 1,785 | 1.6 | 11,063 | 9.7 | |
| February .. | 11,450 | 10.8 | 15,836 | 14.9 | 2,390 | 2.3 | 2,698 | 2.5 | 1,856 | 1.8 | 9,836 | 9.3 | |
| March .. | 10,190 | 11.9 | 10,714 | 12.5 | 1,086 | 1.3 | 2,617 | 3.1 | 1,543 | 1.8 | 8,687 | 10.2 | |
| April .. | 10,893 | 13.3 | 10,691 | 13.1 | 1,303 | 1.6 | 2,441 | 3.0 | 901 | 1.1 | 8,325 | 10.2 | |
| May .. | 12,447 | 16.5 | 10,073 | 13.4 | 1,479 | 2.0 | 2,206 | 2.9 | 419 | 0.5 | 5,535 | 7.3 | |
| June .. | 10,000 | 18.2 | 5,149 | 9.4 | 1,665 | 3.0 | 1,859 | 3.4 | 141 | 0.3 | 3,134 | 5.6 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 5,134 | 9.3 | |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 8,474 | 17.0 | 4,852 | 9.7 | 2,048 | 4.1 | 1,577 | 3.2 | 118 | 0.2 | 1,992 | 4.0 | |
| August .. | 6,489 | 16.4 | 2,859 | 7.2 | 1,902 | 4.8 | 1,434 | 3.6 | 98 | 0.2 | 1,769 | 4.5 | |
| September .. | 8,231 | 19.3 | 2,667 | 6.4 | 1,355 | 3.2 | 2,146 | 5.1 | 105 | 0.2 | 2,021 | 4.8 | |
| October .. | 10,093 | 23.0 | 2,933 | 6.7 | 4,326 | 9.8 | 1,590 | 3.6 | 107 | 0.3 | 2,196 | 5.0 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 3,893 | 8.9 | |

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials. (Class I.) | | | Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.) | | | Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.) | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| | Crude. | Simply trans- formed. | Elabor- ately trans- formed. | Crude. | Simply trans- formed. | Elabor- ately trans- formed. | Crude. | Simply trans- formed. | Elabor- ately trans- formed. | Total. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 1,024 | 373 | 2,528 | 45 | 303 | 1,371 | 1,069 | 1,505 | 6,032 | 8,606 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,241 | 449 | 3,222 | 48 | 300 | 1,550 | 1,289 | 1,796 | 7,530 | 10,615 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,100 | 351 | 2,704 | 55 | 309 | 1,501 | 1,155 | 1,627 | 6,653 | 9,435 |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,810 | 631 | 3,603 | 75 | 485 | 1,067 | 1,885 | 3,048 | 9,825 | 14,758 |
| 1946-47 .. | 2,422 | 795 | 5,099 | 109 | 634 | 2,009 | 2,531 | 3,321 | 11,510 | 17,362 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,903 | 1,803 | 8,672 | 107 | 1,110 | 4,010 | 3,010 | 5,872 | 19,292 | 28,174 |
| 1948-49 .. | 3,273 | 2,059 | 9,725 | 133 | 899 | 4,915 | 3,406 | 6,738 | 24,361 | 34,505 |
| 1949-50 .. | 3,916 | 1,777 | 11,202 | 180 | 1,277 | 5,517 | 4,096 | 7,851 | 32,730 | 44,677 |
| 1950-51 .. | 7,012 | 3,185 | 17,114 | 273 | 1,600 | 7,636 | 7,285 | 10,961 | 43,577 | 61,823 |
| 1951-52 .. | 7,788 | 4,788 | 27,469 | 359 | 1,446 | 10,795 | 8,147 | 13,933 | r65,398 | r87,478 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 5,553 | 2,926 | 14,167 | 447 | 1,201 | 7,283 | 6,000 | 10,057 | 38,643 | 54,700 |
| November .. | 7,337 | 2,545 | 15,606 | 208 | 1,717 | 6,608 | 7,545 | 10,117 | 40,029 | 57,691 |
| December .. | 5,763 | 2,274 | 14,330 | 194 | 1,205 | 5,857 | 5,957 | 7,943 | 35,662 | 49,562 |
| January .. | 5,600 | 2,633 | 17,655 | 128 | 2,045 | 7,647 | 5,728 | 11,244 | 45,207 | 62,179 |
| February .. | 6,925 | 3,363 | 17,553 | 377 | 1,543 | 7,685 | 7,302 | 12,376 | 47,715 | 67,393 |
| March .. | 8,144 | 2,942 | 15,286 | 352 | 1,253 | 7,413 | 8,496 | 9,002 | 40,939 | 58,437 |
| April .. | 10,053 | 3,733 | 17,986 | 311 | 1,407 | 8,288 | 10,364 | 12,228 | 45,471 | 68,063 |
| May .. | 10,159 | 5,186 | 21,968 | 343 | 2,068 | 8,861 | 10,502 | 14,445 | 51,073 | 76,020 |
| June .. | 8,227 | 4,360 | 24,482 | 289 | 1,700 | 10,064 | 8,516 | 13,231 | 54,071 | 75,818 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 14,925 | 4,141 | 21,406 | 649 | 2,525 | r | 9,169 | 15,574 | 13,902 | r 51,240 |
| August .. | 6,159 | 5,934 | 26,615 | 633 | 1,482 | 10,257 | 6,792 | 14,480 | 58,877 | 80,149 |
| September .. | 7,083 | 5,501 | 35,542 | 524 | 1,674 | 12,025 | 7,607 | 14,809 | 72,266 | 94,682 |
| October .. | 10,439 | 7,707 | 34,009 | 669 | 1,574 | 15,618 | 11,108 | 16,585 | 83,255 | 110,948 |
| November .. | 7,625 | 5,926 | 29,720 | 294 | 1,591 | 14,041 | 7,919 | 15,612 | 74,133 | 97,664 |
| December .. | 5,386 | 3,825 | 24,256 | 143 | 765 | 9,429 | 5,529 | 9,895 | 52,807 | 68,231 |
| January .. | 10,808 | 7,976 | 36,924 | 251 | 1,366 | 14,327 | 11,059 | 19,678 | 83,499 | 114,236 |
| February .. | 8,448 | 4,872 | 33,864 | 202 | 1,313 | 12,875 | 8,650 | 14,031 | 83,302 | 105,983 |
| March .. | 6,808 | 3,171 | 26,678 | 167 | 1,154 | 11,526 | 6,975 | 12,703 | 65,723 | 85,401 |
| April .. | 4,616 | 3,090 | 26,759 | 260 | 1,243 | 10,164 | 4,876 | 11,814 | 64,844 | 81,534 |
| May .. | 6,498 | 2,512 | 19,727 | 375 | 1,087 | 6,698 | 6,873 | 12,011 | 56,433 | 75,317 |
| June .. | 4,656 | 2,820 | 14,129 | 142 | 1,581 | 3,411 | 4,798 | 11,675 | 38,407 | 54,880 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 5,121 | 1,780 | 12,160 | 110 | 1,011 | 2,566 | 5,231 | 10,550 | 34,079 | 49,860 |
| August .. | 4,445 | 2,768 | 9,189 | 173 | 998 | 2,130 | 4,618 | 9,994 | 24,982 | 39,594 |
| September .. | 4,823 | 2,877 | 9,633 | 221 | 1,543 | 2,508 | 5,044 | 11,514 | 25,826 | 42,384 |
| October .. | 3,648 | 2,084 | 9,891 | 333 | 906 | 2,654 | 3,981 | 8,949 | 30,983 | 43,913 |

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed,

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

| Period. | Wool. | Wheat and Flour. | Butter. | Sugar. | Meats. | Hides and Skins. | Lead. | Dried Fruits. | Fresh Fruits. | Total Exports (Exclud- ing Gold). |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------|----------|------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. | 5,209 | 2,029 | 734 | 309 | 861 | 609 | 402 | 172 | 165 | 12,374 |
| 1937-38.. | 3,915 | 2,245 | 898 | 336 | 1,021 | 516 | 409 | 224 | 171 | 11,806 |
| 1938-39.. | 3,561 | 1,106 | 1,074 | 348 | 982 | 342 | 356 | 239 | 169 | 10,212 |
| 1945-46.. | 5,772 | 1,463 | 1,023 | 268 | 1,168 | 986 | 352 | 179 | 105 | 16,404 |
| 1946-47.. | 10,511 | 2,406 | 1,048 | 235 | 1,761 | 1,228 | 904 | 202 | 129 | 25,746 |
| 1947-48.. | 12,396 | 7,053 | 1,719 | 264 | 1,882 | 1,030 | 1,148 | 213 | 324 | 33,832 |
| 1948-49.. | 19,283 | 8,202 | 1,984 | 1,108 | (a)2,388 | 1,017 | 1,856 | 288 | 260 | 45,217 |
| 1949-50.. | 26,096 | 7,376 | 2,056 | 1,185 | 2,854 | 1,263 | 1,416 | 241 | 328 | 51,131 |
| 1950-51.. | 52,779 | 8,921 | 1,539 | 1,240 | 2,533 | 2,272 | 1,796 | 389 | 477 | 81,805 |
| 1951-52 p | 27,013 | 7,390 | 371 | 586 | 2,968 | 1,428 | 2,157 | 472 | 573 | 55,780 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 53,849 | 10,791 | 1,548 | 1,620 | 2,688 | 2,367 | 2,014 | 385 | 258 | 86,672 |
| November .. | 66,189 | 9,420 | 1,859 | 1,730 | 2,080 | 1,944 | 2,123 | 179 | 124 | 95,778 |
| December .. | 50,995 | 5,828 | 3,352 | 1,601 | 1,734 | 1,726 | 333 | 117 | 59 | 72,233 |
| January .. | 69,928 | 9,879 | 2,547 | 1,315 | 2,058 | 1,862 | 1,346 | 63 | 87 | 98,826 |
| February .. | 54,273 | 8,127 | 3,977 | 1,958 | 2,986 | 2,895 | 705 | 45 | 105 | 85,143 |
| March .. | 69,499 | 8,371 | 1,377 | 887 | 2,130 | 2,238 | 563 | 46 | 334 | 94,563 |
| April .. | 101,817 | 8,623 | 1,052 | 368 | 2,660 | 3,408 | 2,926 | 502 | 1,170 | 136,036 |
| May .. | 64,961 | 10,315 | 660 | 375 | 3,538 | 3,157 | 2,070 | 726 | 1,663 | 98,660 |
| June .. | 45,049 | 11,077 | 413 | 395 | 3,166 | 2,250 | 5,203 | 956 | 1,286 | 79,746 |
| 1951-52 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 27,002 | 9,557 | 241 | 1,263 | 3,808 | 1,757 | 1,518 | 921 | 361 | 58,294 |
| August .. | 10,818 | 11,671 | 119 | 2,106 | 4,062 | 1,717 | 2,346 | 520 | 312 | 45,879 |
| September .. | 11,209 | 9,172 | 29 | 799 | 3,014 | 1,266 | 2,709 | 431 | 111 | 39,133 |
| October .. | 26,296 | 9,720 | 182 | 950 | 3,084 | 1,663 | 2,577 | 462 | 134 | 57,293 |
| November .. | 36,652 | 6,879 | 885 | 1,088 | 2,874 | 1,724 | 3,248 | 238 | 125 | 66,910 |
| December .. | 30,617 | 3,233 | 359 | 218 | 2,327 | 1,088 | 1,278 | 114 | 53 | 49,656 |
| January .. | 36,721 | 5,464 | 991 | 30 | 2,412 | 1,572 | 1,155 | 96 | 72 | 64,382 |
| February .. | 32,649 | 5,493 | 394 | 57 | 2,282 | 1,510 | 1,100 | 52 | 119 | 56,750 |
| March .. | 38,232 | 5,899 | 196 | 54 | 2,509 | 1,338 | 2,928 | 5 | 345 | 66,866 |
| April .. | 30,399 | 7,972 | 157 | 31 | 2,721 | 1,263 | 3,056 | 575 | 991 | 59,479 |
| May .. | 21,316 | 7,549 | 500 | 294 | 3,639 | 1,010 | 1,183 | 1,351 | 2,098 | 51,891 |
| June .. | 22,248 | 6,070 | 397 | 142 | 2,887 | 1,222 | 2,787 | 902 | 2,149 | 52,831 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 23,976 | 5,901 | 441 | 37 | 5,153 | 1,371 | 3,743 | 907 | 1,030 | 57,507 |
| August .. | 9,801 | 6,976 | 595 | 886 | 5,553 | 1,633 | 2,468 | 1,121 | 529 | 41,943 |
| September .. | 15,436 | 5,528 | 1,030 | 2,234 | 6,105 | 1,353 | 1,764 | 1,019 | 184 | 50,539 |
| October .. | 41,647 | 5,887 | 3,173 | 2,839 | 8,036 | 1,676 | 3,687 | 105 | 208 | 85,045 |

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Wool. | Wheat. | Butter. | Metals. (a) | Meats. (b) | Sugar. | Dried Fruits. (c) | Tallow. | Hides. (d) | Gold. | All Groups. | |
|---|--------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | Ex- clud- ing Gold. | In- clud- ing Gold. |
| Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate | (e) 45.63 | 17.06 | 11.36 | 6.83 | 6.63 | 2.40 | 1.81 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 6.98 | .. | 100.00 |
| | (f) 49.05 | 18.34 | 12.21 | 7.34 | 7.13 | 2.58 | 1.94 | 0.69 | 0.72 | .. | 100.00 | .. |
| 1936-37 | .. | 122 | 123 | 92 | 120 | 98 | 104 | 103 | 122 | 113 | 99 | 116 |
| 1937-38 | .. | 99 | 111 | 107 | 96 | 106 | 92 | 103 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 102 |
| 1938-39 | .. | 79 | 66 | 101 | 84 | 96 | 104 | 94 | 78 | 87 | 103 | 82 |
| 1945-46 | .. | 117 | 213 | 147 | 196 | 123 | 213 | 137 | 161 | 152 | 122 | 148 |
| 1946-47 | .. | 173 | 305 | 173 | 308 | 139 | 264 | 152 | 361 | 334 | 122 | 209 |
| 1947-48 | .. | 287 | 420 | 193 | 372 | 146 | 320 | 157 | 436 | 364 | 122 | 296 |
| 1948-49 | .. | 365 | 413 | 233 | 478 | 171 | 343 | 162 | 499 | 421 | 122 | 348 |
| 1949-50 | .. | 473 | 400 | 250 | 421 | 196 | 369 | 176 | 400 | 479 | 164 | 399 |
| 1950-51 | .. | 999 | 432 | 271 | 689 | 209 | 410 | 226 | 356 | 752 | 176 | 690 |
| 1951-52 | .. | 564 | 424 | 291 | 811 | 263 | 464 | 302 | 451 | 486 (h) 184 | 492 | 471 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | .. | 890 | 427 | 271 | 681 | 208 | 394 | 187 | 354 | 663 | 176 | 634 |
| November | .. | 965 | 436 | 271 | 704 | 208 | 394 | 187 | 354 | 693 | 176 | 674 |
| December | .. | 973 | 437 | 271 | 700 | 208 | 394 | 187 | 354 | 719 | 176 | 678 |
| January | .. | 1,252 | 430 | 271 | 713 | 208 | 426 | 187 | 354 | 838 | 176 | 816 |
| February | .. | 1,339 | 423 | 271 | 714 | 208 | 426 | 187 | 354 | 1,041 | 176 | 859 |
| March | .. | 1,437 | 428 | 271 | 739 | 208 | 426 | 303 | 354 | 1,010 | 176 | 912 |
| April | .. | 1,094 | 443 | 271 | 774 | 208 | 426 | 303 | 354 | 829 | 176 | 747 |
| May | .. | 973 | 445 | 271 | 771 | 219 | 426 | 303 | 354 | 811 | 176 | 689 |
| June | .. | 717 | 447 | 271 | 751 | 219 | 426 | 303 | 354 | 726 | 176 | 562 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | (g) 717 | 449 | 291 | 842 | 237 | 426 | 303 | 354 | 616 | 176 | 572 |
| August | .. | 551 | 452 | 291 | 842 | 237 | 426 | 303 | 354 | 521 | 176 | 490 |
| September | .. | 498 | 445 | 291 | 862 | 237 | 426 | 303 | 354 | 541 | 176 | 465 |
| October | .. | 686 | 416 | 291 | 869 | 271 | 426 | 303 | 483 | 575 | 176 | 556 |
| November | .. | 603 | 416 | 291 | 835 | 271 | 426 | 303 | 483 | 566 | 176 | 512 |
| December | .. | 581 | 416 | 291 | 860 | 271 | 426 | 303 | 483 | 561 (h) 189 | 176 | 503 |
| January | .. | 566 | 416 | 291 | 825 | 271 | 501 | 303 | 483 | 531 (h) 193 | 176 | 474 |
| February | .. | 520 | 416 | 291 | 827 | 271 | 501 | 303 | 483 | 451 (h) 196 | 176 | 472 |
| March | .. | 460 | 416 | 291 | 817 | 273 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 378 (h) 193 | 176 | 442 |
| April | .. | 475 | 416 | 291 | 799 | 273 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 398 (h) 187 | 176 | 430 |
| May | .. | 543 | 416 | 291 | 711 | 273 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 346 (h) 184 | 176 | 474 |
| June | .. | 566 | 416 | 291 | 641 | 273 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 343 (h) 186 | 176 | 460 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | (g) 566 | 416 | 313 | 621 | 294 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 340 (h) 186 | 176 | 483 |
| August | .. | (g) 566 | 416 | 313 | 613 | 294 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 381 (h) 187 | 176 | 483 |
| September | .. | p543 | 416 | 313 | 603 | 294 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 379 (h) 188 | 176 | p471 |
| October | .. | p588 | 416 | 313 | 501 | 321 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 376 (h) 188 | 176 | p488 |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lexiyas, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (f) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal. (h) The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951, is the price of Australian gold on oversea premium markets.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Month. | 1950-51. | | | 1951-52. | | | 1952-53. | | |
|---------|-------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| 1936-37 | 122 | 108 | 115 | July .. | a 592 | 333 | 451 | a 717 | 400 | 544 | a 566 | 376 | 462 |
| 1937-38 | 99 | 105 | 102 | August .. | 864 | 340 | 579 | 551 | 400 | 468 | a 566 | 375 | 462 |
| 1938-39 | 79 | 87 | 83 | September | 890 | 355 | 599 | 498 | 400 | 445 | p543 | 374 | p451 |
| | | | | October .. | 890 | 360 | 602 | 686 | 398 | 529 | p588 | 365 | p467 |
| | | | | November | 965 | 366 | 639 | 603 | 393 | 489 | | | |
| 1945-46 | 117 | 171 | 146 | December | 973 | 366 | 643 | 581 | 398 | 481 | | | |
| 1946-47 | 173 | 228 | 203 | January .. | 1,252 | 368 | 771 | 566 | 397 | 474 | | | |
| 1947-48 | 287 | 280 | 283 | February | 1,339 | 369 | 811 | 520 | 397 | 453 | | | |
| 1948-49 | 365 | 305 | 332 | March .. | 1,437 | 377 | 860 | 460 | 395 | 424 | | | |
| 1949-50 | 473 | 308 | 383 | April .. | 1,094 | 384 | 708 | 475 | 392 | 430 | | | |
| 1950-51 | 999 | 365 | 654 | May .. | 973 | 385 | 653 | 543 | 380 | 454 | | | |
| 1951-52 | 564 | 393 | 471 | June .. | 717 | 383 | 535 | 566 | 371 | 460 | | | |

(a) Nominal.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the “quantity-multipliers” are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

| Month. | Month stated compared with same month of preceding year. | | | | | | Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year. | | | | | |
|--------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 1950-51. | | 1951-52. | | 1952-53. | | 1950-51. | | 1951-52. | | 1952-53. | |
| | Ex- cluding Wool. | In- cluding Wool. | Ex- cluding Wool. | In- cluding Wool. | Ex- cluding Wool. | In- cluding Wool. | Ex- cluding Wool. | In- cluding Wool. | Ex- cluding Wool. | In- cluding Wool. | Ex- cluding Wool. | In- cluding Wool. |
| July .. | 119 | 156 | 116 | 119 | 91 | 83 | 119 | 156 | 116 | 119 | 91 | 83 |
| August .. | 119 | 182 | 113 | 87 | 94 | 97 | 119 | 168 | 114 | 104 | 92 | 88 |
| September .. | 117 | 174 | 110 | 80 | 93 | 100 | 118 | 170 | 113 | 96 | 93 | 92 |
| October .. | 114 | 184 | 105 | 84 | 93 | 88 | 117 | 175 | 111 | 92 | 93 | 90 |
| November .. | 117 | 196 | 104 | 70 | | | 117 | 181 | 109 | 84 | | |
| December .. | 115 | 182 | 104 | 67 | | | 117 | 181 | 109 | 81 | | |
| January .. | 112 | 196 | 104 | 54 | | | 116 | 184 | 108 | 75 | | |
| February .. | 109 | 192 | 105 | 50 | | | 115 | 185 | 108 | 71 | | |
| March .. | 113 | 226 | 102 | 41 | | | 115 | 191 | 107 | 66 | | |
| April .. | 113 | 174 | 98 | 53 | | | 115 | 189 | 106 | 64 | | |
| May .. | 112 | 145 | 96 | 65 | | | 114 | 183 | 105 | 64 | | |
| June .. | 114 | 119 | 93 | 84 | | | 114 | 178 | 104 | 65 | | |

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Basic Materials. | | | | | | | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. | | | |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | Metals and Coal. | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. | | Goods principally Imported. (a) | Goods principally Home Produced. | Total All Groups. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 96 | 99 | 118 | 99 | 111 | 99 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 98 | 98 | |
| 1937-38 .. | 101 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 104 | 102 | 100 | 102 | 100 | 101 | |
| 1938-39 .. | 103 | 100 | 82 | 101 | 92 | 97 | 99 | 103 | 99 | 102 | 101 | |
| 1945-46 .. | 130 | 156 | 152 | 142 | 140 | 177 | 149 | 135 | 178 | 126 | 141 | |
| 1946-47 .. | 132 | 145 | 191 | 140 | 131 | 180 | 149 | 138 | 177 | 129 | 143 | |
| 1947-48 .. | 146 | 161 | 283 | 148 | 126 | 190 | 166 | 153 | 192 | 145 | 159 | |
| 1948-49 .. | 185 | 173 | 342 | 159 | 130 | 198 | 188 | 175 | 201 | 173 | 181 | |
| 1949-50 .. | 214 | 184 | 434 | 187 | 143 | 225 | 214 | 198 | 223 | 198 | 205 | |
| 1950-51 .. | 256 | 196 | 641 | 242 | 292 | 268 | 264 | 232 | 256 | 242 | 246 | |
| 1951-52 .. | 343 | 220 | 577 | 314 | 298 | 370 | 321 | 281 | 288 | 305 | 300 | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October (b) | 238 | 190 | 544 | 236 | 275 | 246 | 245 | 221 | 247 | 225 | 232 | |
| November (b) | 246 | 190 | 588 | 236 | 305 | 254 | 253 | 225 | 250 | 232 | 237 | |
| December (b) | 256 | 190 | 596 | 239 | 338 | 255 | 258 | 220 | 255 | 230 | 237 | |
| January (b) | 258 | 190 | 772 | 240 | 338 | 262 | 271 | 220 | 256 | 238 | 243 | |
| February (b) | 266 | 195 | 836 | 251 | 347 | 279 | 283 | 228 | 264 | 249 | 253 | |
| March (b) | 280 | 202 | 907 | 252 | 362 | 280 | 294 | 246 | 269 | 268 | 268 | |
| April (b) | 280 | 208 | 703 | 252 | 329 | 296 | 286 | 240 | 268 | 258 | 261 | |
| May (b) | 289 | 208 | 634 | 252 | 322 | 296 | 285 | 251 | 268 | 266 | 266 | |
| June (b) | 289 | 208 | 479 | 254 | 304 | 311 | 278 | 276 | 272 | 279 | 277 | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 288 | 209 | 490 | 300 | 301 | 314 | 283 | 283 | 271 | 289 | 283 | |
| August .. | 308 | 209 | 604 | 301 | 351 | 316 | 299 | 292 | 274 | 304 | 295 | |
| September .. | 314 | 212 | 566 | 305 | 348 | 320 | 301 | 282 | 276 | 297 | 291 | |
| October .. | 320 | 213 | 698 | 305 | 347 | 344 | 315 | 266 | 282 | 291 | 288 | |
| November .. | 341 | 223 | 633 | 307 | 323 | 362 | 324 | 261 | 289 | 290 | 290 | |
| December .. | 344 | 223 | 616 | 313 | 271 | 364 | 322 | 270 | 286 | 298 | 294 | |
| January .. | 346 | 223 | 605 | 313 | 270 | 365 | 323 | 266 | 286 | 294 | 292 | |
| February .. | 363 | 223 | 560 | 317 | 264 | 394 | 332 | 280 | 295 | 307 | 304 | |
| March .. | 366 | 223 | 504 | 327 | 261 | 394 | 330 | 289 | 295 | 313 | 308 | |
| April .. | 370 | 223 | 517 | 327 | 262 | 395 | 332 | 294 | 296 | 318 | 312 | |
| May .. | 379 | 230 | 559 | 327 | 278 | 433 | 347 | 294 | 301 | 325 | 318 | |
| June .. | 379 | 230 | 570 | 331 | 296 | 433 | 349 | 298 | 301 | 330 | 321 | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 392 | 230 | 570 | 344 | 279 | 435 | 354 | 304 | 301 | 338 | 327 | |
| August .. | 394 | 230 | 577 | 350 | 241 | 418 | 351 | 304 | 294 | 339 | 325 | |
| September .. | 400 | 230 | p561 | 349 | 237 | 418 | p352 | 295 | 294 | p333 | p321 | |
| October .. | 391 | 235 | p589 | 349 | 233 | 418 | p352 | 283 | 295 | p323 | p314 | |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction room price of wool see note (b) at foot of following page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Aus- tralia. | Canada. | France. | India. | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Sweden. | United Kingdom. | | U.S.A. |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Common- wealth Statisti- cian. | Dominion Statistician. | Inst. Nat. de la Stat. | Economic Adviser to the Gov- ernment of India. | Govern- ment Statistician. | Census and Statistics Office. | Board of Trade. | Board of Trade. | Econo- mist. | Bureau of Labour Statistics (a) |
| 1936-37 .. | 98 | 101 | 83 | 104 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 100 | 105 | 104 |
| 1937-38 .. | 101 | 104 | 105 | 100 | 102 | 103 | 103 | 104 | 102 | 101 |
| 1938-39 .. | 101 | 95 | 112 | 96 | 102 | 100 | 99 | 96 | 93 | 95 |
| 1945-46 .. | 141 | 132 | 534 | 244 | 157 | 159 | 171 | 167 | 161 | 133 |
| 1946-47 .. | 143 | 144 | 889 | 278 | 156 | 164 | 174 | 178 | 181 | 170 |
| 1947-48 .. | 159 | 175 | 1,451 | (b) 328 | 173 | 174 | 187 | 203 | 205 | 191 |
| 1948-49 .. | 181 | 195 | 2,032 | 379 | 180 | 186 | 196 | 218 | 218 | 194 |
| 1949-50 .. | 205 | 195 | 2,196 | 389 | 184 | 195 | 198 | 237 | 235 | 186 |
| 1950-51 .. | 246 | 224 | (c) 123 | 426 | 210 | 216 | 237 | 288 | 283 | 211 |
| 1951-52 .. | 300 | 229 | 145 | 414 | | 252 | 285 | 321 | 297 | 213 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 290 | 233 | 151 | 436 | 242 | 244 | 287 | 321 | 295 | 215 |
| December | 294 | 232 | 152 | 433 | 243 | 256 | 288 | 323 | 301 | 215 |
| January .. | 292 | 231 | 152 | 430 | 248 | 258 | 290 | 327 | 302 | 214 |
| February .. | 304 | 227 | 152 | 416 | 251 | 260 | 290 | 322 | 297 | 213 |
| March .. | 308 | 225 | 149 | 378 | 250 | 261 | 292 | 325 | 299 | 212 |
| April .. | 312 | 221 | 147 | 378 | | 262 | 291 | 322 | 297 | 211 |
| May .. | 318 | 219 | 145 | 367 | | 265 | 291 | 320 | 294 | 211 |
| June .. | 321 | 221 | 143 | 375 | | 266 | 292 | 320 | 297 | 210 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 327 | 220 | 144 | 384 | | 268 | p290 | 320 | 296 | p212 |
| August .. | 325 | 219 | p144 | 387 | | 270 | p288 | 317 | 293 | p212 |
| September .. | 321 | | p143 | 389 | | 270 | | 315 | 289 | p212 |
| October .. | 314 | | | | | | | 319 | 289 | |

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).
prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series"

(c) New Series. Base :

Note (b)—

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Legislation which became effective on 14th December, 1950, had the effect of reducing (by bounty) the price paid for raw wool for local manufacture in Australia below the open market (auction room) price. Such reductions were virtually retrospective to August, 1950, and continued until 30th June, 1951. The effective prices paid for raw wool for local manufacture (i.e., auction room price less bounty) have been used in calculating the index published on page 20 hereof. Below are shown these same indexes calculated on the auction-room prices for wool. Only the four columns shown below are affected.

| Period. | Textiles. | Total Basic Materials. | Goods Principally Home Produced. | Total All Groups. |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1950-51— | | | | |
| August .. | 737 | 247 | 229 | 232 |
| September .. | 752 | 250 | 230 | 234 |
| October .. | 753 | 257 | 233 | 237 |
| November .. | 797 | 265 | 240 | 243 |
| December .. | 805 | 270 | 238 | 243 |
| January .. | 996 | 283 | 246 | 249 |
| February .. | 1,060 | 296 | 257 | 259 |
| March .. | 1,131 | 307 | 276 | 274 |
| April .. | 927 | 299 | 267 | 267 |
| May .. | 848 | 297 | 273 | 272 |
| June .. | 688 | 290 | 287 | 282 |

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities. | | | | | | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States. | |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| | Food and Groceries. | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series). | Clothing. | Mis-cellaneous. | Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous ("C" Series). | Nominal Rates, Adult Males. | "Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a) |
| 1936-37 .. | 963 | 968 | 965 | 976 | 996 | 973 | 949 | 976 |
| 1937-38 .. | 989 | 1,001 | 993 | 1,006 | 1,003 | 998 | 1,007 | 1,009 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,048 | 1,031 | 1,042 | 1,018 | 1,001 | 1,029 | 1,044 | 1,015 |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,187 | 1,054 | 1,134 | 1,777 | 1,212 | 1,278 | 1,343 | 1,051 |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,208 | 1,054 | 1,147 | 1,873 | 1,225 | 1,309 | 1,423 | 1,087 |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,333 | 1,056 | 1,222 | 2,013 | 1,279 | 1,393 | 1,565 | 1,123 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,531 | 1,058 | 1,340 | 2,264 | 1,349 | 1,528 | 1,757 | 1,150 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,664 | 1,063 | 1,421 | 2,626 | 1,443 | 1,669 | 1,913 | 1,147 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,998 | 1,076 | 1,626 | 3,044 | 1,597 | 1,906 | 2,298 | 1,206 |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,694 | 1,104 | 2,051 | 3,623 | 1,898 | 2,337 | 2,806 | 1,201 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,764 | { } 1,066 | 1,509 | 2,831 | 1,492 | 1,773 | 2,026 | 1,143 |
| August .. | 1,788 | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 1,876 | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 1,903 | | | | | | | |
| November .. | 1,931 | | 1,583 | 2,946 | 1,555 | 1,853 | 2,291 | 1,236 |
| December .. | 1,963 | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 2,009 | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 2,050 | | 1,659 | 3,040 | 1,630 | 1,932 | 2,367 | 1,225 |
| March .. | 2,085 | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 2,153 | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 2,186 | | 1,752 | 3,357 | 1,710 | 2,067 | 2,507 | 1,213 |
| June .. | 2,269 | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,372 | { } 1,091 | 1,897 | 3,463 | 1,787 | 2,191 | 2,629 | 1,200 |
| August .. | 2,443 | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 2,517 | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 2,576 | | | | | | | |
| November .. | 2,684 | | 2,018 | 3,582 | 1,870 | 2,303 | 2,771 | 1,203 |
| December .. | 2,673 | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 2,706 | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 2,750 | | 2,085 | 3,658 | 1,905 | 2,366 | 2,878 | 1,216 |
| March .. | 2,796 | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 2,935 | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 2,935 | | 2,204 | 3,789 | 2,031 | 2,488 | 2,946 | 1,184 |
| June .. | 2,941 | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,966 | { } 1,156 | 2,233 | 3,808 | 2,103 | 2,524 | 3,054 | 1,210 |
| August .. | .. | | | | | | | |
| September .. | .. | | | | | | | |

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

| Particulars. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1951 : September Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,263 | 2,177 | 2,025 | 2,136 | 2,155 | 2,178 | 2,191 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 2,678 | 2,606 | 2,565 | 2,559 | 2,677 | 2,623 | 2,629 |
| "Real" .. (a) .. | 1,183 | 1,197 | 1,267 | 1,198 | 1,242 | 1,204 | 1,200 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 193/- | 189/- | 175/- | 184/- | 188/- | 187/- | 189/- |
| State | (b) 193/- | (c) | (d) 175/- | (b) 184/- | (e) 196/8 | (c) | .. |
| 1951 : December Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,368 | 2,293 | 2,181 | 2,244 | 2,243 | 2,283 | 2,303 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 2,843 | 2,737 | 2,685 | 2,694 | 2,802 | 2,757 | 2,771 |
| "Real" .. (a) .. | 1,201 | 1,194 | 1,231 | 1,201 | 1,249 | 1,208 | 1,203 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 207/- | 199/- | 185/- | 195/- | 197/- | 199/- | 200/- |
| State | (b) 207/- | (c) | (f) 185/- | (b) 195/- | (g) 205/8 | (c) | .. |
| 1952 : March Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,444 | 2,322 | 2,262 | 2,314 | 2,346 | 2,346 | 2,366 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 2,938 | 2,842 | 2,835 | 2,795 | 2,899 | 2,848 | 2,878 |
| "Real" .. (a) .. | 1,202 | 1,224 | 1,253 | 1,208 | 1,236 | 1,214 | 1,216 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 216/- | 209/- | 199/- | 205/- | 205/- | 208/- | 210/- |
| State | (b) 216/- | (c) | (h) 199/- | (b) 205/- | (i) 214/1 | (c) | .. |
| 1952 : June Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,576 | 2,455 | 2,328 | 2,447 | 2,434 | 2,435 | 2,488 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 3,015 | 2,878 | 2,926 | 2,860 | 3,002 | 2,913 | 2,946 |
| "Real" .. (a) .. | 1,170 | 1,172 | 1,257 | 1,169 | 1,233 | 1,196 | 1,184 |
| Average weekly hours .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 223/- | 212/- | 207/- | 211/- | 214/- | 214/- | 216/- |
| State | (b) 223/- | (c) | (j) 207/- | (b) 211/- | (j) 223/10 | (c) | .. |
| 1952 : September Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,592 | 2,501 | 2,362 | 2,509 | 2,499 | 2,516 | 2,524 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 3,141 | 3,010 | 2,941 | 2,995 | 3,097 | 2,995 | 3,054 |
| "Real" .. (a) .. | 1,212 | 1,204 | 1,245 | 1,194 | 1,239 | 1,190 | 1,210 |
| Average weekly hours .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 235/- | 224/- | 213/- | 224/- | 222/- | 222/- | 227/- |
| State | (b) 235/- | (c) | (k) 213/- | (b) 224/- | (k) 232/3 | (c) | .. |
| 1952 : December Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 237/- | 228/- | 216/- | 229/- | 228/- | 230/- | 231/- |
| State | (b) 237/- | (c) | (l) 216/- | (b) 229/- | (m) 238/6 | (c) | .. |

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.
 Retail prices index-numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 30th July. (e) Payable as from 23rd July. (f) Payable as from 29th October. (g) Payable as from 22nd October. (h) Payable as from 4th February. (i) Payable as from 29th January. (j) Payable as from 28th April. (k) Payable as from 28th July. (l) Payable as from 3rd November. (m) Payable as from 27th October.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of primary products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index-numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index-numbers for any year relate to the average values of primary products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

Since publication in issue No. 179, the original series of Primary Production Price Index-numbers has been replaced with a revised series for 1936-37 and later years. The revised index-numbers shown below have been calculated by using as fixed weights, the average quantities of each product marketed during the period 1946-47 to 1950-51. Further details of methods used in constructing the indexes will be found in *Primary Industries Bulletin*, No. 45.

As preliminary annual index-numbers for 1951-52 (based on reasonably complete data) have been shown, the monthly index-numbers for the last twelve-monthly period normally included in this table as progressive forecasts of the annual index-numbers have been omitted from this issue.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year. | Farming. | | | | | | Mining.(a) | | |
|------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Wool (Shorn and Dead). | Products Other than Wool. | Gold. | Other Minerals. | All Mining. |
| 1936-37 .. | 114 | 115 | 93 | 109 | 126 | 104 | 99 | 98 | 98 |
| 1937-38 .. | 98 | 98 | 102 | 99 | 95 | 100 | 100 | 107 | 105 |
| 1938-39 .. | 88 | 87 | 105 | 92 | 79 | 96 | 101 | 95 | 97 |
| 1945-46 .. | 175 | 133 | 159 | 157 | 118 | 169 | 123 | 145 | 139 |
| 1946-47 .. | 194 | 181 | 158 | 186 | 187 | 185 | 124 | 169 | 156 |
| 1947-48 .. | 267 | 262 | 183 | 247 | 301 | 230 | 124 | 221 | 194 |
| 1948-49 .. | 234 | 312 | 197 | 260 | 366 | 225 | 124 | 275 | 232 |
| 1949-50 .. | 274 | 396 | 228 | 316 | 483 | 262 | 139 | 288 | 246 |
| 1950-51 .. | 277 | 815 | 258 | 495 | 1,099 | 300 | 178 | 335 | 291 |
| 1951-52(b) | 336 | 501 | 343 | 404 | 552 | 356 | (c)178 | 475 | 391 |

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Subject to revision.

no allowance has been made for gold sold on oversea premium markets.

(c) Based on the price fixed by the Commonwealth Bank ;
no allowance has been made for gold sold on oversea premium markets.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a) | | | | | | | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) | | |
|------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 23 Manufacturing and Distribut- ing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 8 Public Utility Companies. | 5 Pastoral and Finance Companies. | 5 Insurance Companies. | 75 Companies (including 24 Miscel- laneous). | 34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c) | 12 Industrials. | 12 Financial and Trading. | 24 Total of foregoing. |
| 1936-37 .. | 989 | 1,059 | 1,010 | 1,106 | 1,052 | 1,022 | 1,026 | 1,006 | 1,000 | 1,003 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,012 | 1,008 | 1,026 | 1,053 | 983 | 1,009 | 1,011 | 1,014 | 1,011 | 1,013 |
| 1938-39 .. | 999 | 933 | 964 | 841 | 965 | 969 | 963 | 980 | 989 | 984 |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,262 | 1,190 | 1,022 | 1,062 | 1,071 | 1,161 | 1,199 | 1,317 | 1,075 | 1,206 |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,463 | 1,479 | 1,104 | 1,131 | 1,296 | 1,325 | 1,355 | 1,472 | 1,249 | 1,370 |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,666 | 1,663 | 1,044 | 1,229 | 1,505 | 1,450 | 1,450 | 1,625 | 1,386 | 1,515 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,682 | 1,601 | 948 | 1,240 | 1,635 | 1,426 | 1,413 | 1,681 | 1,364 | 1,536 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,763 | 1,603 | 887 | 1,357 | 1,920 | 1,491 | 1,458 | 1,746 | 1,370 | 1,573 |
| 1950-51 .. | 2,242 | 1,932 | 928 | 1,926 | 2,492 | 1,845 | 1,763 | 2,108 | 1,623 | 1,886 |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,040 | 1,658 | 872 | 1,606 | 2,625 | 1,662 | 1,537 | 1,838 | 1,402 | 1,638 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 2,059 | 1,801 | 883 | 1,718 | 2,279 | 1,724 | 1,669 | 1,990 | 1,571 | 1,798 |
| November | 2,247 | 1,905 | 927 | 1,922 | 2,510 | 1,849 | 1,776 | 2,059 | 1,597 | 1,847 |
| December | 2,247 | 1,899 | 929 | 1,921 | 2,549 | 1,849 | 1,769 | 2,080 | 1,622 | 1,870 |
| January .. | 2,331 | 1,995 | 938 | 2,120 | 2,538 | 1,916 | 1,847 | 2,126 | 1,685 | 1,923 |
| February | 2,333 | 2,025 | 946 | 2,132 | 2,598 | 1,929 | 1,833 | 2,209 | 1,734 | 1,991 |
| March .. | 2,363 | 2,050 | 952 | 2,100 | 2,605 | 1,935 | 1,817 | 2,247 | 1,683 | 1,989 |
| April .. | 2,443 | 2,092 | 970 | 2,130 | 2,639 | 1,967 | 1,863 | 2,231 | 1,673 | 1,975 |
| May .. | 2,532 | 2,116 | 1,000 | 2,117 | 2,738 | 2,020 | 1,907 | 2,279 | 1,698 | 2,012 |
| June .. | 2,543 | 2,116 | 944 | 2,075 | 2,824 | 2,025 | 1,889 | 2,320 | 1,709 | 2,040 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,510 | 2,093 | 940 | 1,979 | 2,891 | 2,005 | 1,859 | 2,300 | 1,696 | 2,023 |
| August .. | 2,398 | 2,011 | 906 | 1,936 | 2,941 | 1,933 | 1,777 | 2,255 | 1,646 | 1,975 |
| September | 2,281 | 1,908 | 869 | 1,794 | 2,907 | 1,842 | 1,686 | 2,165 | 1,614 | 1,912 |
| October .. | 2,218 | 1,818 | 886 | 1,830 | 2,874 | 1,801 | 1,674 | 1,988 | 1,523 | 1,775 |
| November | 2,133 | 1,701 | 880 | 1,717 | 2,815 | 1,730 | 1,599 | 1,988 | 1,477 | 1,754 |
| December | 2,045 | 1,616 | 866 | 1,599 | 2,774 | 1,664 | 1,538 | 1,906 | 1,427 | 1,686 |
| January .. | 2,012 | 1,605 | 865 | 1,563 | 2,732 | 1,638 | 1,516 | 1,849 | 1,381 | 1,634 |
| February | 1,896 | 1,505 | 857 | 1,469 | 2,619 | 1,557 | 1,430 | 1,669 | 1,303 | 1,502 |
| March .. | 1,834 | 1,469 | 843 | 1,412 | 2,371 | 1,502 | 1,388 | 1,622 | 1,244 | 1,448 |
| April .. | 1,697 | 1,403 | 840 | 1,331 | 2,230 | 1,423 | 1,312 | 1,479 | 1,212 | 1,356 |
| May .. | 1,743 | 1,398 | 847 | 1,338 | 2,178 | 1,436 | 1,341 | 1,423 | 1,157 | 1,301 |
| June .. | 1,719 | 1,368 | 871 | 1,300 | 2,165 | 1,418 | 1,327 | 1,409 | 1,142 | 1,286 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,760 | 1,379 | 870 | 1,370 | 2,127 | 1,434 | 1,366 | 1,419 | 1,163 | 1,301 |
| August .. | 1,756 | 1,386 | 873 | 1,383 | 2,118 | 1,428 | 1,351 | 1,403 | 1,166 | 1,294 |
| September | 1,709 | 1,365 | 883 | 1,361 | 2,108 | 1,398 | 1,321 | 1,391 | 1,126 | 1,269 |
| October .. | 1,705 | 1,317 | 858 | 1,336 | 2,088 | 1,375 | 1,315 | | | |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Primary Production Prices.(a) (Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.) | | Export Prices (including Gold). | Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs). | | | Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (c) | Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies). |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|--|---|
| | All Farming. | All Mining. | | Goods Principally Imported. (b) | Goods Principally Home Produced. | All Groups. | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 109 | 98 | 1,144 | 991 | 980 | 984 | 973 | 1,022 |
| 1937-38 .. | 99 | 105 | 1,022 | 1,018 | 1,000 | 1,005 | 998 | 1,009 |
| 1938-39 .. | 92 | 97 | 834 | 991 | 1,020 | 1,011 | 1,029 | 969 |
| 1945-46 .. | 157 | 139 | 1,459 | 1,782 | 1,257 | 1,412 | 1,278 | 1,161 |
| 1946-47 .. | 186 | 156 | 2,027 | 1,768 | 1,288 | 1,429 | 1,309 | 1,325 |
| 1947-48 .. | 247 | 194 | 2,834 | 1,924 | 1,448 | 1,588 | 1,393 | 1,450 |
| 1948-49 .. | 260 | 232 | 3,324 | 2,008 | 1,727 | 1,809 | 1,528 | 1,426 |
| 1949-50 .. | 316 | 246 | 3,830 | 2,231 | 1,982 | 2,054 | 1,669 | 1,491 |
| 1950-51 .. | 495 | 291 | 6,544 | 2,555 | 2,423 | 2,461 | 1,906 | 1,845 |
| 1951-52 .. | p404 | p391 | 4,710 | 2,877 | 3,047 | 2,996 | 2,337 | 1,662 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | .. | .. | 6,018 | 2,468 | (d)2,255 | (d)2,317 | 1,853 { | 1,724 |
| November .. | .. | .. | 6,395 | 2,503 | (d)2,322 | (d)2,374 | | 1,849 |
| December .. | .. | .. | 6,430 | 2,547 | (d)2,302 | (d)2,374 | | 1,849 |
| January .. | .. | .. | 7,715 | 2,558 | (d)2,377 | (d)2,430 | | 1,916 |
| February .. | .. | .. | 8,114 | 2,640 | (d)2,488 | (d)2,532 | | 1,929 |
| March .. | .. | .. | 8,604 | 2,688 | (d)2,677 | (d)2,680 | | 1,935 |
| April .. | .. | .. | 7,076 | 2,675 | (d)2,585 | (d)2,611 | | 1,967 |
| May .. | .. | .. | 6,534 | 2,683 | (d)2,656 | (d)2,663 | | 2,020 |
| June .. | .. | .. | 5,349 | 2,715 | (d)2,794 | (d)2,770 | | 2,025 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | .. | 5,441 | 2,712 | 2,886 | 2,834 | 2,191 { | 2,005 |
| August .. | .. | .. | 4,684 | 2,745 | 3,038 | 2,950 | | 1,933 |
| September .. | .. | .. | 4,445 | 2,758 | 2,971 | 2,906 | | 1,842 |
| October .. | .. | .. | 5,294 | 2,823 | 2,908 | 2,882 | | 1,801 |
| November .. | .. | .. | 4,891 | 2,891 | 2,902 | 2,899 | | 1,730 |
| December .. | .. | .. | 4,815 | 2,859 | 2,975 | 2,941 | | 1,664 |
| January .. | .. | .. | 4,740 | 2,859 | 2,942 | 2,916 | | 1,638 |
| February .. | .. | .. | 4,532 | 2,948 | 3,074 | 3,036 | | 1,557 |
| March .. | .. | .. | 4,243 | 2,949 | 3,132 | 3,077 | | 1,502 |
| April .. | .. | .. | 4,298 | 2,962 | 3,182 | 3,117 | | 1,423 |
| May .. | .. | .. | 4,542 | 3,008 | 3,254 | 3,180 | | 1,436 |
| June .. | .. | .. | 4,598 | 3,007 | 3,297 | 3,211 | | 1,418 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | .. | 4,622 | 3,015 | 3,377 | 3,270 | 2,524 { | 1,434 |
| August .. | .. | .. | 4,621 | 2,938 | 3,386 | 3,253 | | 1,428 |
| September .. | .. | .. | 4,511 | 2,937 | 3,328 | 3,211 | | 1,398 |
| October .. | .. | .. | 4,666 | 2,949 | 3,228 | 3,144 | | 1,375 |

(a) See note at head of page 24. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using the auction room price of wool, see note (b) at foot of page 21.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

| Period. | New Dwellings. | | Other New Buildings. | | Total New Buildings. | | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| | Number. | Value. £'000. | Number. | Value. £'000. | Number. | Value. £'000. | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 (a) .. | 1,122 | 1,104 | 154 | 474 | 1,276 | 1,578 | 408 | 1,986 |
| 1937-38 (a) .. | 1,394 | 1,413 | 147 | 472 | 1,541 | 1,885 | 422 | 2,307 |
| 1938-39 (a) .. | 1,463 | 1,509 | 137 | 424 | 1,600 | 1,933 | 420 | 2,353 |
| 1945-46 (a) .. | 1,531 | 1,635 | 107 | 156 | 1,638 | 1,791 | 399 | 2,190 |
| 1946-47 .. | 2,209 | 2,976 | 156 | 512 | 2,365 | 3,488 | 596 | 4,084 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,381 | 3,649 | 124 | 453 | 2,505 | 4,102 | 585 | 4,687 |
| 1948-49 .. | 2,621 | 4,457 | 110 | 440 | 2,731 | 4,897 | 680 | 5,577 |
| 1949-50 .. | 3,045 | 5,770 | 113 | 460 | 3,158 | 6,230 | 899 | 7,129 |
| 1950-51 .. | 3,558 | 7,857 | 151 | 1,062 | 3,709 | 8,919 | 1,507 | 10,426 |
| 1951-52 .. | r2,736 | r6,703 | 165 | 1,270 | r2,901 | r7,973 | 1,727 | r9,700 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| August .. | 4,067 | 8,108 | 157 | 643 | 4,224 | 8,751 | 1,275 | 10,026 |
| September .. | 3,575 | 7,145 | 151 | 1,002 | 3,726 | 8,147 | 1,455 | 9,602 |
| October .. | 3,579 | 7,529 | 159 | 875 | 3,738 | 8,404 | 1,396 | 9,800 |
| November .. | 3,617 | 7,792 | 171 | 1,510 | 3,788 | 9,302 | 1,481 | 10,783 |
| December .. | 2,551 | 5,386 | 105 | 1,161 | 2,656 | 6,547 | 822 | 7,369 |
| January .. | 3,293 | 7,223 | 150 | 1,129 | 3,443 | 8,352 | 1,247 | 9,599 |
| February .. | 3,486 | 8,023 | 128 | 632 | 3,614 | 8,655 | 1,440 | 10,095 |
| March .. | 3,337 | 8,156 | 153 | 758 | 3,490 | 8,914 | 1,953 | 10,867 |
| April .. | 3,952 | 9,163 | 186 | 2,126 | 4,138 | 11,289 | 1,790 | 13,079 |
| May .. | 3,836 | 9,167 | 155 | 1,642 | 3,991 | 10,809 | 2,133 | 12,942 |
| June .. | 3,801 | 9,198 | 140 | 707 | 3,941 | 9,905 | 1,928 | 11,833 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 3,676 | 8,711 | 193 | 1,269 | 3,869 | 9,980 | 1,812 | 11,792 |
| August .. | 3,780 | 9,545 | 185 | 1,076 | 3,965 | 10,621 | 2,285 | 12,906 |
| September .. | 2,955 | 6,946 | 200 | 1,818 | 3,155 | 8,764 | 1,423 | 10,187 |
| October .. | 3,199 | 8,295 | 157 | 981 | 3,356 | 9,276 | 1,908 | 11,184 |
| November .. | 2,748 | 6,686 | 162 | 1,008 | 2,910 | 7,694 | 1,690 | 9,384 |
| December .. | 1,752 | 4,280 | 105 | 1,823 | 1,857 | 6,103 | 1,685 | 7,788 |
| January .. | 2,148 | 5,266 | 123 | 1,090 | 2,271 | 6,356 | 1,256 | 7,612 |
| February .. | 2,369 | 5,655 | 170 | 1,260 | 2,539 | 6,915 | 1,372 | 8,287 |
| March .. | 2,591 | 6,187 | 146 | 926 | 2,737 | 7,113 | 1,736 | 8,849 |
| April .. | 2,191 | 5,733 | 163 | 946 | 2,354 | 6,679 | 1,914 | 8,593 |
| May .. | 2,326 | 5,729 | 182 | 1,513 | 2,508 | 7,242 | 2,064 | 9,306 |
| June .. | r3,098 | r7,402 | 197 | 1,534 | r3,295 | r8,936 | 1,574 | r10,510 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,364 | 5,835 | 242 | 1,146 | 2,606 | 6,981 | 1,563 | 8,544 |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation was introduced. In Tasmania, control over building permits was discontinued from 31st December, 1946. In other States, control over building permits has, by stages, been considerably relaxed and, in most States, is now virtually discontinued. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Australia.(a) | | | New South Wales. | | | Victoria. | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Government. | Private. | | Government. (b) | Private. | | Government. | Private. | |
| | | Commonwealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | | Commonwealth and State. | Sydney and Suburbs. | | Commonwealth and State. | Other recorded areas See note B. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | (c)1,986 | (d)627 | n.a. | 848 | 416 | n.a. | 667 | 62 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | (c)2,307 | (d)764 | n.a. | 1,093 | 506 | n.a. | 669 | 78 |
| 1938-39 .. | 408 | (c)2,353 | (d)755 | 187 | 1,111 | 495 | 107 | 702 | 63 |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,057 | (c)2,190 | 1,147 | 540 | 943 | 808 | 381 | 592 | 61 |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,248 | 4,084 | (e)1,991 | 633 | 1,768 | 1,301 | 371 | 1,195 | 91 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,009 | 4,687 | (f)3,151 | 1,044 | 1,705 | (g)1,985 | 545 | 1,650 | 126 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,992 | 5,577 | 3,832 | 904 | 2,089 | 2,432 | 675 | 1,804 | 211 |
| 1949-50 .. | 2,751 | 7,129 | 4,863 | 985 | 2,625 | 3,101 | 1,067 | 2,218 | 217 |
| 1950-51 .. | 4,360 | 10,426 | 6,807 | 1,964 | 3,610 | 4,519 | 1,428 | 3,187 | 270 |
| 1951-52 .. | 3,631 | r9,700 | r6,183 | 1,603 | 2,679 | 3,717 | 960 | 2,831 | 253 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. | 3,968 | 9,582 | 6,297 | 2,020 | 3,183 | 4,082 | 1,133 | 2,948 | 308 |
| December .. | 3,933 | 9,317 | 6,150 | 1,914 | 3,331 | 4,141 | 1,281 | 2,958 | 219 |
| March .. | 4,558 | 10,187 | 6,865 | 2,071 | 3,732 | 4,718 | 1,503 | 2,986 | 225 |
| June .. | 4,981 | 12,618 | 7,915 | 1,850 | 4,194 | 5,133 | 1,797 | 3,855 | 329 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 4,443 | 11,628 | 7,711 | 2,397 | 3,456 | 4,907 | 926 | 3,571 | 373 |
| December .. | 3,400 | 9,452 | 6,124 | 1,357 | 2,820 | 3,612 | 946 | 2,856 | 207 |
| March .. | r3,096 | 8,249 | 5,153 | 1,193 | 2,120 | 2,859 | 960 | 2,380 | 264 |
| June .. | 3,589 | r9,469 | r5,744 | 1,466 | 2,320 | 3,490 | 1,011 | 2,517 | 167 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | | | | 772 | 2,270 | 3,197 | 780 | 2,946 | 311 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | n.a. | 8,544 | n.a. | n.a. | 2,234 | 3,383 | n.a. | 2,633 | n.a. |
| August .. | n.a. | | n.a. | n.a. | 2,106 | 2,985 | n.a. | 2,870 | n.a. |
| September .. | n.a. | | n.a. | n.a. | 2,471 | 3,223 | n.a. | 3,333 | n.a. |
| October .. | n.a. | | n.a. | n.a. | | | n.a. | 2,824 | n.a. |

(a) See note (a) on page 29.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart

(d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
 (£'000.)

| Period. | Queensland | | | South Australia. | | | Western Australia. | | | Tasmania. | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | Govern- ment. | Private.(a) | | Govern- ment.(b) | Private.(a) | | Govern- ment. | Private.(a) | | Govern- ment. | Private.(a) | |
| | Common- wealth and State. | Brisbane and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note C. | Common- wealth and State. | Adelaide and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note D. | Common- wealth and State. | Perth and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note E. | Common- wealth and State. | Hobart and Sub- urbs. | Other recorded areas. See note F. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | 153 | 98 | n.a. | 118 | 32 | n.a. | 168 | n.a. | n.a. | 32 | 19 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | 167 | 114 | n.a. | 173 | 48 | n.a. | 174 | n.a. | n.a. | 31 | 18 |
| 1938-39 .. | 34 | 171 | 118 | 22 | 192 | 63 | 38 | 145 | n.a. | 20 | 32 | 16 |
| 1945-46 .. | 34 | 241 | 193 | 46 | 260 | 51 | 39 | 129 | 18 | 17 | 25 | 16 |
| 1946-47 .. | 78 | 455 | 290 | 57 | 379 | 105 | 77 | 187 | (c)60 | 32 | (d)100 | (e)144 |
| 1947-48 .. | 141 | 557 | (f)692 | 132 | 418 | 91 | 115 | 238 | 60 | 32 | 119 | 197 |
| 1948-49 .. | 116 | 610 | 721 | 105 | 564 | 132 | 145 | 338 | 70 | 47 | 172 | 266 |
| 1949-50 .. | 198 | 827 | 868 | 217 | 727 | 188 | 197 | 499 | 111 | 87 | 233 | 378 |
| 1950-51 .. | 357 | 1,106 | 1,061 | 216 | 1,174 | 215 | 282 | 1,027 | 274 | 113 | 322 | 468 |
| 1951-52 .. | 228 | r1,426 | 1,107 | 377 | 1,386 | r265 | 379 | 1,120 | 347 | 84 | 258 | 494 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. Qtr. | 166 | 1,008 | 998 | 331 | 1,171 | 200 | 239 | 922 | 239 | 79 | 350 | 470 |
| Dec. " | 234 | 983 | 955 | 108 | 914 | 185 | 228 | 830 | 221 | 168 | 301 | 429 |
| March " | 382 | 1,294 | 1,094 | 194 | 1,008 | 185 | 324 | 931 | 261 | 84 | 236 | 382 |
| June " | 644 | 1,140 | 1,196 | 231 | 1,604 | 289 | 337 | 1,426 | 376 | 122 | 399 | 592 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 181 | 1,700 | 1,219 | 482 | 1,096 | 227 | 348 | 1,479 | 406 | 109 | 326 | 579 |
| Dec. " | 329 | 1,319 | 1,109 | 272 | 1,093 | 291 | 451 | 1,088 | 336 | 45 | 276 | 569 |
| March " | 133 | 1,292 | 1,093 | 326 | 1,313 | 239 | 321 | 904 | 299 | 163 | 240 | 399 |
| June " | 271 | r1,391 | 1,007 | 426 | 2,044 | r304 | 395 | 1,007 | 349 | 20 | 190 | 427 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | | | | | 1,370 | 313 | | 966 | 285 | 16 | 297 | 334 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | n.a. | 1,394 | 1,027 | n.a. | 1,022 | n.a. | n.a. | 1,029 | 256 | n.a. | 232 | 294 |
| August .. | n.a. | | | n.a. | 1,182 | n.a. | n.a. | 848 | 307 | n.a. | 384 | 349 |
| September .. | n.a. | | | n.a. | 1,904 | n.a. | n.a. | 1,023 | 292 | n.a. | 273 | 359 |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.

(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

| Period. | Commenced. | | | Completed. | | | Under Construction at end of period. | | |
|--|------------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | Houses. | Other. | Total. | Houses. | Other. | Total. | Houses. | Other. | Total. |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46.. | .. | n.a. | n.a. | 3,615 | 1,758 | 5,373 | 23,580 | 9,806 | 33,386 |
| 1946-47.. | .. | 13,740 | 4,148 | 17,888 | 8,924 | 10,502 | 44,745 | 21,255 | 66,000 |
| 1947-48.. | .. | 17,638 | 5,138 | 22,776 | 13,307 | 2,389 | 65,459 | 33,588 | 99,047 |
| 1948-49.. | .. | 21,875 | 6,922 | 28,797 | 18,331 | 3,932 | 84,172 | 49,065 | 133,237 |
| 1949-50.. | .. | 28,086 | 7,982 | 36,068 | 22,443 | 5,251 | 27,694 | 115,347 | 60,992 |
| 1950-51p | .. | 40,118 | 14,587 | 54,705 | 31,157 | 6,227 | 37,384 | 160,925 | 91,446 |
| 1951-52p | .. | 44,538 | 16,224 | 60,762 | 42,841 | 10,858 | 53,699 | 188,037 | 125,417 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | | |
| June Qtr. | .. | 31,832 | 8,093 | 39,925 | 24,778 | 6,272 | 31,050 | 115,347 | 60,992 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | .. | 36,857 | 11,614 | 48,471 | 27,986 | 6,000 | 33,986 | 127,267 | 67,976 |
| Dec. | .. | 38,662 | 13,731 | 52,393 | 33,291 | 6,038 | 39,329 | 135,266 | 77,204 |
| March | .. | 38,905 | 14,273 | 53,178 | 28,851 | 5,322 | 34,173 | 151,685 | 83,406 |
| June ..p | .. | 46,048 | 18,728 | 64,776 | 34,500 | 7,549 | 42,049 | 160,925 | 91,446 |
| 1951-52p— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | .. | 48,550 | 16,245 | 64,795 | 38,009 | 9,217 | 47,226 | 177,971 | 104,637 |
| Dec. | .. | 46,306 | 15,473 | 61,779 | 44,976 | 9,516 | 54,492 | 183,623 | 113,129 |
| March | .. | 42,707 | 15,122 | 57,829 | 41,292 | 10,728 | 52,020 | 190,656 | 118,447 |
| June .. | .. | 40,590 | 18,054 | 58,644 | 47,085 | 13,973 | 61,058 | 188,037 | 125,417 |
| VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED. | | | | | | | | | |
| (Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.) | | | | | | | | | |
| (£'000.) | | | | | | | | | |

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46.. | .. | 2,326 | 1,368 | 830 | 420 | 244 | 157 | 28 |
| 1946-47.. | .. | 4,274 | 2,767 | 1,814 | 686 | 529 | 354 | 78 |
| 1947-48.. | .. | 6,076 | 4,473 | 2,598 | 1,020 | 832 | 570 | 127 |
| 1948-49.. | .. | 8,434 | 6,839 | 3,050 | 1,621 | 1,177 | 953 | 189 |
| 1949-50.. | .. | 10,230 | 8,668 | 3,488 | 2,268 | 1,338 | 1,336 | 366 |
| 1950-51.. | .. | p12,367 | 12,949 | 4,322 | 3,010 | 2,237 | 2,101 | 398 |
| 1951-52.. | .. | p19,007 | 16,909 | 6,335 | 4,551 | 3,606 | 2,628 | 663 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50— | | | | | | | | |
| June Qtr. | .. | 10,620 | 9,876 | 3,912 | 2,796 | 1,507 | 1,556 | 783 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | .. | 11,168 | 11,412 | 4,056 | 2,896 | 1,891 | 2,178 | 385 |
| Dec. | .. | 13,157 | 13,680 | 4,510 | 3,172 | 2,483 | 1,820 | 507 |
| March | .. | 11,372 | 11,804 | 4,201 | 2,434 | 2,053 | 2,071 | 238 |
| June .. | .. | p13,769 | 14,904 | 4,519 | 3,540 | 2,521 | 2,334 | 462 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | .. | 14,850 | 16,408 | 5,618 | 4,044 | 2,940 | 2,780 | 586 |
| Dec. | .. | 18,125 | 17,885 | 6,200 | 4,693 | 3,735 | 3,338 | 516 |
| March | .. | 20,343 | 14,801 | 6,485 | 4,197 | 3,466 | 1,961 | 767 |
| June .. | .. | 22,710 | 18,541 | 7,036 | 5,269 | 4,285 | 2,432 | 785 |
| | | | | | | | | |

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| COMMENCED. | | | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47.. | 4,430 | 3,245 | 2,231 | 817 | 601 | 411 | 81 | 11,816 |
| 1947-48.. | 4,952 | 3,720 | 2,382 | 895 | 768 | 516 | 98 | 13,331 |
| 1948-49.. | 5,323 | 3,872 | 2,340 | 1,140 | 961 | 712 | 134 | 14,482 |
| 1949-50.. | 5,514 | 5,259 | 2,502 | 1,527 | 1,258 | 916 | 97 | 17,073 |
| 1950-51.. | p6,292 | 6,551 | 2,675 | 1,991 | 1,742 | 1,030 | 219 | p20,500 |
| 1951-52.. | p6,091 | 5,682 | 3,000 | 2,128 | 1,932 | 896 | 78 | p19,807 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50—June Qtr. | 5,049 | 6,027 | 2,688 | 1,965 | 1,505 | 1,033 | 101 | 18,368 |
| 1950-51—Sept. „ | 6,136 | 6,731 | 2,746 | 2,194 | 1,616 | 968 | 122 | 20,513 |
| Dec. „ | 6,058 | 6,936 | 2,408 | 1,948 | 1,597 | 1,037 | 163 | 20,147 |
| Mar. „ | 6,166 | 5,821 | 2,577 | 1,741 | 1,969 | 1,031 | 228 | 19,533 |
| June „ | p6,802 | 6,717 | 2,967 | 2,083 | 1,788 | 1,086 | 364 | p21,807 |
| 1951-52—Sept. „ | p6,367 | 6,848 | 3,423 | 2,096 | 2,138 | 1,098 | 81 | p22,051 |
| Dec. „ | p6,323 | 6,246 | 2,981 | 1,998 | 2,039 | 1,016 | 64 | p20,667 |
| Mar. „ | p5,892 | 5,066 | 2,919 | 2,205 | 1,828 | 787 | 93 | p18,790 |
| June „ | p5,782 | 4,568 | 2,677 | 2,211 | 1,725 | 684 | 74 | p17,721 |
| COMPLETED. | | | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46.. | 1,398 | 917 | 846 | 333 | 215 | 120 | 15 | 3,844 |
| 1946-47.. | 3,047 | 1,858 | 1,937 | 557 | 448 | 268 | 37 | 8,152 |
| 1947-48.. | 3,715 | 2,962 | 2,300 | 752 | 693 | 386 | 68 | 10,876 |
| 1948-49.. | 4,466 | 3,570 | 2,338 | 997 | 811 | 572 | 81 | 12,835 |
| 1949-50.. | 4,692 | 3,900 | 2,362 | 1,226 | 877 | 713 | 101 | 13,871 |
| 1950-51.. | p4,943 | 5,256 | 2,569 | 1,680 | 1,290 | 979 | 144 | p16,861 |
| 1951-52.. | p5,818 | 5,867 | 2,951 | 1,928 | 1,644 | 1,000 | 146 | p19,354 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50—June Qtr. | 4,733 | 4,253 | 2,531 | 1,410 | 1,006 | 805 | 135 | 14,873 |
| 1950-51—Sept. „ | 4,775 | 4,930 | 2,525 | 1,624 | 1,149 | 1,038 | 176 | 16,217 |
| Dec. „ | 5,688 | 5,763 | 2,744 | 1,897 | 1,481 | 870 | 181 | 18,624 |
| Mar. „ | 4,417 | 4,654 | 2,449 | 1,389 | 1,174 | 966 | 74 | 15,123 |
| June „ | p4,891 | 5,678 | 2,557 | 1,815 | 1,356 | 1,040 | 143 | p17,480 |
| 1951-52—Sept. „ | p5,030 | 6,081 | 2,878 | 1,768 | 1,380 | 1,071 | 135 | p18,343 |
| Dec. „ | p6,041 | 6,327 | 3,008 | 1,964 | 1,821 | 1,336 | 154 | p20,651 |
| Mar. „ | p6,080 | 5,126 | 3,049 | 1,754 | 1,477 | 705 | 121 | p18,312 |
| June „ | p6,122 | 5,934 | 2,868 | 2,225 | 1,899 | 887 | 174 | p20,109 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD. | | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46 | 9,200 | 6,135 | 2,441 | 1,559 | 865 | 1,013 | 188 | 21,401 |
| 1946-47 | 14,737 | 11,680 | 3,627 | 2,654 | 1,521 | 1,557 | 368 | 36,144 |
| 1947-48 | 19,686 | 14,712 | 3,951 | 3,203 | 1,841 | 2,065 | 491 | 45,949 |
| 1948-49 | 23,113 | 15,921 | 3,958 | 3,940 | 2,439 | 2,575 | 696 | 52,642 |
| 1949-50 | 26,402 | 21,353 | 4,520 | 5,241 | 3,957 | 3,357 | 678 | 65,508 |
| 1950-51 | p31,793 | 26,533 | 4,943 | 6,529 | 5,764 | 3,558 | 981 | p80,101 |
| 1951-52 | p32,884 | 25,793 | 5,140 | 7,395 | 6,917 | 3,143 | 708 | p81,980 |
| 1949-50—June Qtr. | 26,402 | 21,353 | 4,520 | 5,241 | 3,957 | 3,357 | 678 | 65,508 |
| 1950-51—Sept. „ | 27,763 | 23,154 | 4,741 | 5,809 | 4,421 | 3,280 | 624 | 69,792 |
| Dec. „ | 28,133 | 24,327 | 4,405 | 5,892 | 4,537 | 3,447 | 606 | 71,347 |
| Mar. „ | 29,882 | 25,494 | 4,533 | 6,259 | 5,332 | 3,512 | 760 | 75,772 |
| June „ | p31,793 | 26,533 | 4,943 | 6,529 | 5,764 | 3,558 | 981 | p80,101 |
| 1951-52—Sept. „ | p33,130 | 27,300 | 5,488 | 6,875 | 6,522 | 3,584 | 927 | p83,826 |
| Dec. „ | p33,412 | 27,219 | 5,461 | 6,938 | 6,740 | 3,264 | 836 | p83,870 |
| Mar. „ | p33,224 | 27,159 | 5,331 | 7,411 | 7,091 | 3,346 | 808 | p84,370 |
| June „ | p32,884 | 25,793 | 5,140 | 7,395 | 6,917 | 3,143 | 708 | p81,980 |

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period. | Black Coal. | | | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. | | Metals. | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|----------------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | Under- ground. | Open Cut. | Total. | | | Gas made in Gas- works. | Total Electricity Gener- ated. | Pig-iron. | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. | Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined. (b) |
| | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 fine oz. | Million cubic feet. | Million kwh. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 977 | 258 | 108.2 | 1,679 | 331 | 76.1 | 90.0 | 5,840 | 17,562 | 1,280 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 990 | 300 | 123.3 | 1,746 | 363 | 77.5 | 97.2 | 5,810 | 18,797 | 1,437 |
| 1938-39 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 1,051 | 267 | 135.1 | 1,789 | 391 | 92.1 | 97.5 | 5,819 | 19,416 | 1,457 |
| 1945-46 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 1,052 | 461 | 57.8 | 2,663 | 576 | 75.5 | 88.5 | 6,705 | 12,590 | 1,774 |
| 1946-47 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 1,178 | 490 | 77.2 | 2,784 | 627 | 95.3 | 109.4 | 5,852 | 14,693 | 1,812 |
| 1947-48 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 1,231 | 535 | 75.5 | 3,025 | 697 | 103.0 | 112.1 | 5,784 | 14,497 | 1,290 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,066 | 178 | 1,244 | 586 | 74.9 | 3,061 | 754 | 87.1 | 98.2 | 6,298 | 17,017 | 934 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,039 | 204 | 1,243 | 636 | 71.6 | 2,908 | 792 | 91.5 | 101.5 | 6,981 | 15,925 | 978 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,124 | 245 | 1,369 | 608 | 74.3 | 3,075 | 875 | 110.4 | 120.3 | 6,478 | 15,769 | 910 |
| 1951-52 p .. | 1,244 | 354 | 1,598 | 675 | 76.0 | 3,354 | 942 | 119.1 | 127.4 | r 7,011 | 15,801 | 1,323 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | r | | |
| September | 1,238 | 249 | 1,487 | 621 | 76.6 | 3,206 | 881 | 122.2 | 138.9 | 7,231 | 16,042 | 1,325 |
| October .. | 1,295 | 234 | 1,529 | 565 | 78.1 | 3,159 | 878 | 138.3 | 136.0 | 7,085 | 16,294 | 1,293 |
| November | 1,318 | 201 | 1,519 | 443 | 73.6 | 3,016 | 842 | 118.8 | 134.2 | 5,966 | 9,364 | 1,307 |
| December | 966 | 209 | 1,175 | 443 | 78.1 | 2,859 | 806 | 107.4 | 120.8 | 5,678 | 16,128 | 532 |
| January .. | 621 | 176 | 797 | 571 | 92.5 | 2,756 | 815 | 86.8 | 94.9 | 6,723 | 15,926 | 474 |
| February | 932 | 221 | 1,153 | 558 | 62.7 | 2,519 | 799 | 86.8 | 99.6 | 6,503 | 14,287 | 520 |
| March .. | 1,065 | 248 | 1,313 | 642 | 71.5 | 2,792 | 854 | 99.4 | 109.6 | 6,240 | 17,686 | 846 |
| April .. | 1,184 | 259 | 1,443 | 628 | 75.0 | 3,052 | 872 | 115.5 | 132.1 | 5,737 | 16,577 | 598 |
| May .. | 1,184 | 342 | 1,526 | 703 | 74.5 | 3,408 | 927 | 111.6 | 118.6 | 5,890 | 17,148 | 2,050 |
| June .. | 1,218 | 266 | 1,484 | 697 | 66.8 | 3,513 | 923 | 107.0 | 117.9 | 5,705 | 15,993 | 700 |
| 1951-52 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,345 | 307 | 1,652 | 721 | 57.5 | 3,393 | 997 | 106.7 | 114.7 | r 6,696 | 19,172 | 1,705 |
| August .. | 1,381 | 358 | 1,739 | 715 | 77.4 | 3,793 | 1,004 | 124.6 | 141.5 | r 6,094 | 15,507 | 1,562 |
| September | 1,244 | 327 | 1,571 | 675 | 82.1 | 3,481 | 912 | 120.6 | 135.3 | r 5,927 | 15,389 | 1,078 |
| October .. | 1,416 | 439 | 1,855 | 708 | 79.0 | 3,442 | 948 | 121.5 | 126.7 | r 6,903 | 15,452 | 1,144 |
| November | 1,355 | 404 | 1,759 | 668 | 80.7 | 3,201 | 936 | 127.3 | 139.2 | r 7,181 | 15,001 | 1,143 |
| December | 998 | 319 | 1,317 | 550 | 75.9 | 3,150 | 871 | 128.1 | 137.1 | r 7,411 | 19,492 | 663 |
| January .. | 800 | 261 | 1,061 | 641 | 69.1 | 3,004 | 884 | 129.8 | 140.1 | 7,296 | 16,491 | 1,437 |
| February | 1,277 | 376 | 1,653 | 655 | 75.8 | 2,992 | 905 | 119.4 | 128.6 | 6,844 | 14,604 | 677 |
| March .. | 1,336 | 407 | 1,743 | 730 | 72.8 | 3,212 | 952 | 128.1 | 137.6 | 7,393 | 14,427 | 1,050 |
| April .. | 1,218 | 351 | 1,569 | 649 | 80.1 | 3,203 | 914 | 119.8 | 118.2 | 7,429 | 15,521 | 1,511 |
| May .. | 1,346 | 380 | 1,726 | 701 | 78.1 | 3,643 | 992 | 96.7 | 92.1 | 7,729 | 17,904 | 1,387 |
| June .. | 1,224 | 313 | 1,537 | 684 | 84.2 | 3,730 | 988 | 93.0 | 99.7 | 7,225 | 10,523 | 2,521 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,519 | 377 | 1,896 | 728 | 92.0 | 4,073 | 1,082 | 122.3 | 147.2 | 7,269 | 19,014 | 788 |
| August .. | 1,289 | 282 | 1,571 | 717 | 68.2 | 3,860 | 1,039 | 133.2 | 153.1 | 7,315 | 19,854 | 1,633 |
| September | | | 1,814 | 655 | 79.7 | 3,538 | | 150.3 | 152.1 | 7,072 | 18,696 | |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Source Australian Mines and Metals Association.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period. | Building Materials. | | | | | | | Cooking Stoves. | | | Domestic Refrigerators. | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | Clay Bricks. | Roofing Tiles. | | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) | | |
| | | Terra-cotta. | Cement. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Million. | '000. | '000. | '000 sq. yds. (d) | Million sup. ft. | '000 tons. | '000 sq. yds. | No. | No. | No. | No. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 53.1 | 2,630 | 326 | 522 | 53.6 | 60.0 | 567 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | |
| 1937-38 .. | 57.4 | 3,023 | 430 | 678 | 62.2 | 71.0 | 619 | 4,562 | 3,481 | 749 | 1,257 | |
| 1938-39 .. | 60.0 | 3,307 | 374 | 791 | 59.8 | 72.3 | 634 | 4,538 | 3,894 | 730 | 2,458 | |
| 1945-46 .. | 25.4 | 1,961 | 203 | 1,322 | 74.2 | 60.3 | 451 | 3,864 | 1,839 | (e) 688 | 3,384 | |
| 1946-47 .. | 41.4 | 3,118 | 561 | 1,610 | 87.3 | 73.5 | 755 | 3,629 | 2,264 | 894 | 5,711 | |
| 1947-48 .. | 48.2 | 3,483 | 1,689 | 1,641 | 93.1 | 84.4 | 977 | 4,438 | 3,309 | 2,532 | 9,362 | |
| 1948-49 .. | 51.4 | 3,680 | 2,358 | 1,547 | 98.7 | 86.0 | 1,103 | 5,120 | 4,130 | 3,494 | 12,134 | |
| 1949-50 .. | 50.3 | 3,785 | 3,387 | 1,529 | 101.9 | 97.3 | 1,105 | 5,155 | 3,892 | 2,865 | 13,528 | |
| 1950-51 .. | 57.3 | 3,918 | 4,230 | 1,771 | 105.1 | 102.9 | 1,265 | 6,220 | 4,716 | 3,888 | 16,955 | |
| 1951-52p .. | 56.9 | 4,128 | 5,509 | 1,946 | 115.5 | 105.0 | 1,303 | 6,042 | 4,411 | 4,351 | 15,926 | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | p | |
| Sept. .. | 60.8 | 4,111 | 4,486 | 2,048 | 108.5 | 114.5 | 1,387 | 6,698 | 4,434 | 3,958 | 16,827 | |
| Oct. .. | 61.3 | 4,402 | 4,502 | 1,874 | 114.1 | 115.9 | 1,364 | 6,119 | 4,596 | 4,121 | 18,225 | |
| Nov. .. | 63.4 | 4,585 | 4,327 | 1,970 | 110.5 | 112.4 | 1,348 | 6,790 | 5,409 | 4,406 | 20,625 | |
| Dec. .. | 47.8 | 3,220 | 3,256 | 1,157 | 95.6 | 81.2 | 935 | 4,524 | 3,649 | 3,243 | 16,822 | |
| Jan. .. | 44.3 | 3,148 | 3,196 | 1,336 | 86.4 | 67.2 | 1,018 | 4,494 | 3,017 | 2,801 | 13,276 | |
| Feb. .. | 55.9 | 4,127 | 4,126 | 1,817 | 93.5 | 100.0 | 1,278 | 6,416 | 5,332 | 3,943 | 15,728 | |
| March .. | 55.7 | 3,965 | 4,159 | 1,674 | 99.4 | 102.9 | 1,236 | 6,231 | 5,177 | 4,609 | 16,774 | |
| April .. | 59.0 | 3,972 | 4,345 | 1,790 | 113.1 | 109.4 | 1,269 | 6,283 | 5,144 | 3,793 | 16,071 | |
| May .. | 64.4 | 4,156 | 4,922 | 2,024 | 124.5 | 120.0 | 1,330 | 7,248 | 6,322 | 4,325 | 17,802 | |
| June .. | 56.7 | 3,742 | 4,740 | 1,971 | 118.3 | 105.4 | 1,278 | 6,427 | 4,692 | 3,932 | 18,156 | |
| 1951-52p— | | | | | (f) | | (f) | | | | | |
| July .. | 56.8 | 3,710 | 5,384 | 2,083 | 104.1 | 107.8 | 1,345 | 6,685 | 5,132 | 4,783 | 19,704 | |
| Aug. .. | 64.8 | 4,187 | 5,683 | 1,696 | 123.6 | 91.3 | 1,389 | 6,887 | 5,790 | 4,907 | 20,551 | |
| Sept. .. | 57.7 | 4,021 | 5,671 | 2,041 | 117.2 | 98.7 | 1,341 | 6,438 | 4,804 | 4,864 | 18,972 | |
| Oct. .. | 64.2 | 4,684 | 6,126 | 2,033 | 128.4 | 122.0 | 1,464 | 7,216 | 5,502 | 5,007 | 20,635 | |
| Nov. .. | 62.2 | 4,291 | 6,149 | 2,013 | 132.9 | 116.8 | 1,389 | 7,453 | 5,313 | 6,732 | 21,664 | |
| Dec. .. | 44.7 | 3,299 | 4,949 | 1,685 | 110.0 | 78.7 | 1,037 | 5,668 | 3,288 | 3,397 | 14,209 | |
| Jan. .. | 44.3 | 3,138 | 4,742 | 1,298 | 104.5 | 71.4 | 1,045 | 4,697 | 3,568 | 3,201 | 12,648 | |
| Feb. .. | 60.0 | 4,342 | 5,851 | 2,079 | 113.1 | 110.8 | 1,371 | 5,938 | 4,189 | 4,594 | 16,975 | |
| March .. | 58.1 | 4,364 | 5,619 | 2,234 | 116.3 | 117.1 | 1,369 | 5,750 | 4,155 | 4,460 | 12,566 | |
| April .. | 54.6 | 4,429 | 5,263 | 1,826 | 102.1 | 105.8 | 1,245 | 5,095 | 3,059 | 3,638 | 11,849 | |
| May .. | 61.0 | 4,526 | 5,558 | 2,324 | 115.7 | 126.2 | 1,384 | 5,493 | 4,462 | 3,612 | 11,793 | |
| June .. | 53.9 | 4,541 | 5,117 | 2,034 | 118.3 | 113.6 | 1,255 | 5,189 | 3,673 | 3,016 | 9,550 | |
| 1952-53p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 59.8 | 4,874 | 4,865 | 2,107 | 115.3 | 100.2 | 1,325 | 6,037 | 2,762 | 2,409 | 9,202 | |
| Aug. .. | 53.0 | 4,435 | 4,605 | 2,147 | | 101.5 | 1,388 | 4,560 | 2,315 | 1,504 | 8,362 | |
| Sept. .. | 56.2 | 5,132 | 4,601 | | | 124.0 | | 3,862 | 2,782 | 1,635 | 12,193 | |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Average

of six months' production. (f) Partly estimated.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period. | Cotton Textiles. | | | Wool Textiles. Produced by Wool Scourers and Woollen Mills. | | | Boots and Shoes (not rubber). | Shirts (other than Knitted), Men's and Boys'. |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Cotton Yarn. | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Scoured Wool.(a) | Yarn. | Woven Cloth. | | |
| | '000 lb. | '000 sq. yds. | '000 sq. yds. | Million lb. | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs. | '000 doz. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. | .. | 730 | n.a. | n.a. | 8.4 | 2.14 | 2.04 | 1,208 |
| 1937-38.. | .. | 965 | n.a. | n.a. | 7.9 | 2.51 | 2.47 | 1,176 |
| 1938-39.. | .. | 974 | n.a. | n.a. | 8.8 | 2.71 | 2.65 | 1,164 |
| 1945-46.. | .. | 2,045 | n.a. | n.a. | 12.8 | 3.97 | 2.90 | 1,170 |
| 1946-47.. | .. | 2,257 | 2,117 | n.a. | 15.3 | 4.13 | 3.18 | 1,306 |
| 1947-48.. | .. | 2,368 | 1,960 | 369.2 | 14.8 | 4.28 | 3.42 | 1,351 |
| 1948-49.. | .. | 2,290 | 2,133 | 475.5 | 13.5 | 4.23 | 3.40 | 1,287 |
| 1949-50.. | .. | 2,519 | 2,397 | 548.5 | 14.4 | 4.09 | 3.09 | 1,284 |
| 1950-51.. | .. | r2,971 | r2,525 | r905.0 | r12.7 | r3.90 | r3.14 | r1,363 |
| 1951-52 p | .. | 2,916 | 2,795 | 834.9 | 9.9 | r3.08 | 2.46 | 1,383 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | r | r | r | r | r | r | r |
| September | .. | 2,965 | 2,706 | 1,013.0 | 12.0 | 4.37 | 3.32 | 1,459 |
| October | .. | 2,967 | 2,729 | 970.5 | 12.7 | 4.24 | 3.49 | 1,462 |
| November | .. | 3,460 | 2,945 | 972.9 | 13.4 | 4.50 | 3.50 | 1,517 |
| December | .. | 2,243 | 1,831 | 725.2 | 11.0 | 2.97 | 2.41 | 1,047 |
| January | .. | 2,335 | 1,703 | 806.8 | 9.7 | 2.85 | 2.44 | 987 |
| February | .. | 2,983 | 2,405 | 905.7 | 11.2 | 3.54 | 3.01 | 1,328 |
| March | .. | 2,682 | 2,346 | 1,012.7 | 12.7 | 3.62 | 3.00 | 1,309 |
| April .. | .. | 2,917 | 2,559 | 985.4 | 13.0 | 3.71 | 3.19 | 1,369 |
| May .. | .. | 3,547 | 2,713 | 1,025.9 | 13.8 | 4.26 | 3.35 | 1,520 |
| June .. | .. | 3,049 | 2,680 | 968.0 | 14.2 | 4.23 | 3.25 | 1,478 |
| 1951-52 p— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 3,441 | 2,972 | 1,192.9 | 11.5 | 4.09 | 3.09 | 1,545 |
| August .. | .. | 3,487 | 3,192 | 1,280.8 | 10.5 | 4.43 | 3.22 | 1,622 |
| September .. | .. | 3,192 | 2,874 | 982.4 | 8.7 | 4.14 | 3.17 | 1,506 |
| October .. | .. | 3,583 | 3,138 | 1,062.6 | 10.7 | 4.36 | 3.16 | 1,636 |
| November .. | .. | 3,524 | 3,047 | 1,049.7 | 10.4 | 3.69 | 2.85 | 1,564 |
| December .. | .. | 2,373 | 2,084 | 558.0 | 8.1 | 2.35 | 1.93 | 1,042 |
| January .. | .. | 2,279 | 2,183 | 789.0 | 8.7 | 2.08 | 1.81 | 988 |
| February .. | .. | 2,862 | 2,949 | 947.1 | 9.8 | 2.67 | 2.49 | 1,377 |
| March .. | .. | 2,743 | 2,920 | 815.3 | 10.1 | 2.53 | 2.30 | 1,402 |
| April .. | .. | 2,577 | 2,720 | 719.4 | r9.2 | 1.97 | 1.77 | 1,220 |
| May .. | .. | 2,426 | 2,730 | 799.5 | 10.6 | 2.35 | 1.93 | 1,388 |
| June .. | .. | 2,504 | 2,733 | 768.1 | 10.6 | 2.30 | 1.74 | 1,306 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 2,705 | 2,715 | 1,047.6 | 10.1 | 2.28 | 1.73 | 1,475 |
| August .. | .. | r2,253 | 1,821 | 1,102.8 | 8.2 | r2.43 | 1.77 | 1,382 |
| September .. | .. | 2,397 | 1,887 | 1,100.0 | 7.7 | 2.52 | 2.06 | 1,414 |

(a) Includes carbonized wool.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period. | Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills. | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | Hosiery. | | | Knitted Underwear. | | |
| | Men's and Boys'. | Women's, Maids' and Girls'. | Children's. | Men's. | Women's.(a) | Boys' and Girls'. |
| | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | | 83.1 | 157.1 | 49.1 | | 153.8 |
| 1937-38 | | 86.7 | 183.7 | 52.0 | | 178.5 |
| 1938-39 | | 91.9 | 178.0 | 51.0 | | 176.8 |
| 1945-46 | | 95.7 | 99.6 | 45.4 | 41.5 | 91.2 |
| 1946-47 | | 106.4 | 121.6 | 43.0 | 49.3 | 103.0 |
| 1947-48 | | 105.4 | 130.6 | 59.8 | 52.3 | 110.7 |
| 1948-49 | | 106.3 | 128.0 | 58.8 | 55.6 | 105.7 |
| 1949-50 | | 96.6 | 142.4 | 54.7 | 71.9 | 103.4 |
| 1950-51 | | r126.5 | r154.7 | r56.2 | r64.5 | r126.7 |
| 1951-52 p | | 118.2 | 152.5 | 43.2 | 64.6 | 127.0 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | r | r | r | r | r |
| August | | 140.1 | 168.9 | 67.3 | 74.3 | 122.8 |
| September | | 128.0 | 159.5 | 56.4 | 63.7 | 130.6 |
| October | | 143.6 | 171.3 | 63.1 | 67.3 | 136.6 |
| November | | 140.0 | 170.5 | 63.3 | 69.5 | 151.9 |
| December | | 103.6 | 123.4 | 44.2 | 51.4 | 115.4 |
| January | | 87.8 | 100.0 | 38.9 | 47.1 | 86.9 |
| February | | 121.8 | 156.9 | 55.0 | 59.5 | 125.7 |
| March | | 116.1 | 150.3 | 58.7 | 56.9 | 106.6 |
| April | | 139.8 | 160.0 | 55.1 | 66.6 | 139.1 |
| May | | 146.3 | 173.2 | 63.1 | 76.0 | 144.2 |
| June | | 136.0 | 172.4 | 54.2 | 74.9 | 139.2 |
| 1951-52 p— | | | | | | |
| July.. | | 150.3 | 183.1 | 54.1 | 78.5 | 144.1 |
| August | | 157.9 | 185.0 | 59.5 | 89.8 | 156.5 |
| September | | 145.4 | 173.6 | 49.0 | 79.2 | 149.0 |
| October | | 163.5 | 197.6 | 57.4 | 91.3 | 168.7 |
| November | | 132.9 | 169.5 | 49.3 | 77.0 | 156.7 |
| December | | 102.8 | 121.8 | 35.6 | 54.0 | 106.5 |
| January | | 69.8 | 106.3 | 36.5 | 44.1 | 83.0 |
| February | | 109.1 | 143.8 | 36.0 | 56.5 | 131.6 |
| March | | 99.2 | 133.2 | 36.7 | 54.8 | 118.4 |
| April | | 85.0 | 116.1 | 31.0 | 50.0 | 104.8 |
| May | | 98.4 | 145.5 | 36.2 | 49.3 | 106.7 |
| June | | 103.6 | 154.7 | 37.0 | 50.5 | 98.4 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | |
| July .. | | 119.7 | 179.9 | 29.8 | (b) 64.4 | (c) 126.7 |
| August | | 118.0 | 170.4 | 25.7 | 63.0 | 112.1 |
| September | | 132.4 | 196.8 | 35.0 | | |

(a) Excludes Women's and Girls' Nightwear.

(b) Collected as "men's and youths".

(c) Collected as "women's and maids".

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period. | Wheaten Flour. | Refined Sugar. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). | | | Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a) | | | | | | Beer. '000 gals. |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | | | Butter. | Cheese. | Processed Milk Products. (b) | Beef (in- cluding Veal). | Mutton. | Lamb. | Pork. | Bacon and Ham. (c) | Total. (d) | |
| | '000 Short Tons. | '000 Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 102.4 | 27.0 | 13,908 | 1,636 | (e) 2,404 | 45.9 | 16.0 | 9.94 | 3.60 | 2.74 | 79.6 | 6,261 |
| 1937-38 | 104.2 | 28.9 | 15,242 | 2,018 | (e) 2,620 | 49.7 | 17.2 | 9.92 | 3.23 | 2.62 | 84.0 | 7,084 |
| 1938-39 | 114.4 | 28.2 | 16,232 | 2,415 | (e) 2,475 | 46.6 | 17.1 | 9.55 | 3.09 | 2.77 | 80.5 | 7,523 |
| 1945-46 | 101.6 | 35.7 | 12,131 | 3,414 | 6,606 | 33.9 | 16.5 | 7.74 | 2.93 | 4.05 | 67.1 | 9,033 |
| 1946-47 | 124.1 | 35.2 | 11,568 | 3,518 | 6,667 | 40.6 | 15.2 | 10.00 | 2.50 | 3.97 | 73.8 | 10,657 |
| 1947-48 | 133.2 | 36.3 | 13,132 | 3,453 | 7,691 | 46.8 | 13.8 | 10.80 | 2.28 | 3.83 | 78.9 | 10,561 |
| 1948-49 | 139.9 | 35.7 | 13,424 | 3,596 | 8,330 | 48.1 | 15.1 | 11.59 | 3.10 | 3.47 | 82.6 | 12,171 |
| 1949-50 | 125.8 | 35.2 | 14,037 | 3,731 | 9,353 | 50.5 | 17.2 | 12.69 | 2.91 | 3.38 | 87.9 | 13,009 |
| 1950-51 | 141.3 | r37.6 | 13,303 | 3,692 | r9,011 | 54.3 | 13.5 | 9.37 | r2.94 | r3.07 | r84.3 | 14,397 |
| 1951-52p | 140.6 | 41.6 | 10,959 | r3,370 | 8,626 | 48.7 | 14.3 | 8.82 | 2.93 | 2.86 | 78.6 | 15,400 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. . . | 148.0 | 40.0 | 14,417 | 5,064 | r10,292 | 55.5 | 12.4 | 11.21 | 2.25 | 2.88 | 85.2 | 13,552 |
| Oct. . . | 144.6 | 38.4 | 19,897 | 6,975 | 13,692 | 52.0 | 12.8 | 16.20 | 2.29 | 2.94 | 87.2 | 14,738 |
| Nov. . . | 122.7 | 38.1 | 21,245 | 7,175 | 15,483 | 50.3 | 14.4 | 15.05 | 2.80 | 3.58 | 87.4 | 14,964 |
| Dec. . . | 119.6 | 35.9 | 20,629 | 6,175 | 14,047 | 46.9 | 14.9 | 14.13 | 3.79 | 4.17 | 85.4 | 15,011 |
| Jan. . . | 141.5 | 33.0 | 18,181 | r4,441 | 11,213 | 42.9 | 16.8 | 8.94 | 2.74 | 2.81 | 75.2 | 15,751 |
| Feb. . . | 133.4 | 33.7 | 13,791 | 2,783 | 8,519 | 47.3 | 16.2 | 7.23 | 3.00 | 2.83 | 77.5 | 13,747 |
| March | 139.5 | 37.8 | 12,619 | 2,612 | 7,463 | 52.8 | 14.2 | 6.59 | 3.50 | 3.00 | 81.2 | 14,557 |
| April . . | 139.9 | 36.9 | 8,841 | 1,635 | 5,335 | 57.8 | 13.4 | 6.49 | 3.24 | 2.94 | 84.9 | 14,496 |
| May . . | 155.4 | 39.9 | 6,584 | 1,325 | 5,053 | 67.4 | 12.1 | 6.29 | 3.86 | 3.33 | 94.2 | 15,443 |
| June . . | 155.8 | 37.3 | 5,734 | 1,442 | 5,048 | 62.6 | 10.2 | 5.12 | 2.81 | 2.85 | 84.6 | 13,762 |
| 1951-52p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July . . | 168.2 | 39.6 | 7,017 | 2,131 | 5,221 | 62.6 | 10.3 | 4.57 | 2.66 | 3.09 | 84.3 | 14,703 |
| Aug. . . | 156.9 | 45.2 | 9,135 | 3,042 | 7,349 | 63.1 | 10.8 | 6.06 | 2.82 | 3.13 | 87.0 | 15,351 |
| Sept. . . | 145.9 | 43.2 | 11,541 | 4,653 | 10,677 | 52.4 | 11.0 | 7.75 | 2.68 | 2.62 | 77.4 | 14,318 |
| Oct. . . | 147.2 | 44.9 | 16,797 | 6,269 | 14,639 | 45.6 | 12.6 | 12.86 | 2.59 | 3.02 | 77.6 | 16,003 |
| Nov. . . | 143.2 | 43.8 | 16,103 | r6,089 | 14,766 | 44.5 | 16.0 | 15.47 | 2.96 | 3.55 | 83.8 | 15,989 |
| Dec. . . | 125.9 | 35.6 | 13,939 | r5,136 | 12,791 | 38.8 | 16.6 | 11.86 | 3.41 | 3.32 | 75.1 | 15,499 |
| Jan. . . | 145.1 | 40.1 | 12,381 | 3,698 | 10,003 | 40.6 | 17.4 | 9.73 | 2.80 | 2.37 | 73.7 | 17,179 |
| Feb. . . | 136.9 | 45.2 | 9,536 | 2,430 | 7,012 | 45.2 | 18.3 | 8.35 | 3.29 | 2.61 | 78.6 | 16,240 |
| March | 134.7 | 43.4 | 10,225 | 2,156 | 6,563 | 42.2 | 16.0 | 7.72 | 3.19 | 2.65 | 72.7 | 16,460 |
| April . . | 114.0 | 36.5 | 9,149 | 1,676 | 5,742 | 40.5 | 13.6 | 7.44 | 3.35 | 2.68 | 68.4 | 15,184 |
| May . . | 139.3 | 42.3 | 8,228 | 1,562 | 4,590 | 52.3 | 14.6 | 6.99 | 3.16 | 2.74 | 80.8 | 14,832 |
| June . . | 129.8 | 39.3 | 7,451 | 1,601 | 4,159 | 57.1 | 13.9 | 7.06 | 2.22 | 2.60 | 83.8 | 13,037 |
| 1952-53p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July . . | 138.2 | 48.6 | 7,857 | 2,226 | 4,423 | 59.8 | 14.7 | 7.92 | 2.33 | 2.89 | 88.6 | 15,355 |
| Aug. . . | 139.3 | 42.4 | 10,317 | 3,620 | 6,825 | 52.9 | 14.8 | 9.02 | 2.24 | 2.64 | 82.6 | 15,180 |
| Sept. . . | 135.9 | 42.4 | 15,129 | 5,267 | 12,207 | 51.5 | 17.8 | 12.08 | 2.17 | 3.04 | 87.7 | 16,301 |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Excludes casein and sterilized cream.
 (c) Cured weight.
 (d) In terms of fresh meat.
 (e) Incomplete.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period. | Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a) | Chemicals and Allied Products. | | | | | | Motor Bodies. | | | Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c. | |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------|--|--|
| | | Sulphuric Acid (100%). | Super- phosphate. | Paints. | | | Sedans and Coupes. | Tourers and Roadsters. | Utilities. | | | |
| | | | | Ready- Mixed Paint. | Lacquers Nitro- Cellulose. | Enamels and Synthetic Finishes. | | | | | | |
| | '000 lb. | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | | | | | | |
| | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Gals. | Gals. | Gals. | No. | No. | No. | | '000. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | .. | 1,805 | 36.4 | 90.9 | 161 | n.a. | 3,660 | 478 | 610 | n.a. | | |
| 1937-38 .. | .. | 1,904 | 41.3 | 102.8 | 170 | 60 | 4,032 | 804 | 518 | n.a. | | |
| 1938-39 .. | .. | 1,939 | 40.8 | 100.0 | 176 | 48 | 3,426 | 816 | 715 | n.a. | | |
| 1945-46 .. | .. | 2,208 | 33.7 | 92.1 | 264 | 52 | 82 | 68 | 163 | 165 | 94 | |
| 1946-47 .. | .. | 2,534 | 38.3 | 97.5 | 233 | 63 | 94 | 1,199 | 496 | 528 | 141 | |
| 1947-48 .. | .. | 2,502 | 40.4 | 98.8 | 291 | 74 | 116 | 1,874 | 536 | 786 | 142 | |
| 1948-49 .. | .. | 2,427 | 48.8 | 118.6 | 308 | 69 | 143 | 2,131 | 487 | 798 | 143 | |
| 1949-50 .. | .. | 2,558 | 51.0 | 123.6 | 330 | 78 | 186 | 2,347 | 333 | 1,174 | 164 | |
| 1950-51 p .. | .. | 2,652 | 53.3 | 129.0 | 467 | 99 | 158 | r2,952 | r387 | r1,854 | 187 | |
| 1951-52 p .. | .. | 2,684 | 54.3 | 133.1 | 427 | 98 | 177 | 3,487 | 436 | 1,807 | 213 | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | .. | 2,590 | 48.5 | 104.0 | 519 | 101 | 170 | 3,039 | 520 | 1,908 | r202 | |
| November .. | .. | 2,548 | 55.1 | 134.0 | 535 | 115 | 179 | 3,202 | 441 | 1,890 | 215 | |
| December .. | .. | 2,845 | 48.6 | 105.1 | 394 | 75 | 137 | 2,568 | 277 | 1,591 | r127 | |
| January .. | .. | 2,179 | 55.2 | 144.1 | 329 | 71 | 122 | 2,153 | 242 | 1,607 | 126 | |
| February .. | .. | 2,810 | 48.1 | 117.6 | 480 | 92 | 165 | 2,830 | 292 | 1,795 | 173 | |
| March .. | .. | 2,704 | 52.7 | 124.1 | 506 | 94 | 167 | 2,622 | 321 | 1,828 | 185 | |
| April .. | .. | 2,748 | 53.2 | 130.9 | 541 | 104 | 158 | 2,730 | 344 | 2,129 | 190 | |
| May .. | .. | 3,003 | 60.9 | 160.3 | 496 | 220 | 195 | 2,986 | 401 | 1,938 | 210 | |
| June .. | .. | 2,537 | 59.2 | 142.6 | 520 | 96 | 180 | 3,209 | 520 | 2,172 | r194 | |
| 1951-52 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 2,741 | 55.5 | 123.5 | 550 | 100 | 202 | 3,397 | 909 | 2,032 | 201 | |
| August .. | .. | 2,976 | 57.0 | 151.9 | 550 | 111 | 215 | 3,933 | 634 | 2,040 | 224 | |
| September .. | .. | 3,989 | 47.5 | 113.3 | 552 | 111 | 203 | 3,385 | (b) | 2,190 | 212 | |
| October .. | .. | 1,382 | 54.4 | 137.5 | 560 | 110 | 214 | 3,664 | (b) | 2,208 | 207 | |
| November .. | .. | 3,095 | 51.4 | 124.2 | 513 | 111 | 212 | 3,682 | (b) | 1,888 | 247 | |
| December .. | .. | 2,394 | 54.6 | 118.7 | 327 | 82 | 149 | 2,797 | (b) | 1,477 | 162 | |
| January .. | .. | 2,410 | 58.8 | 150.7 | 316 | 88 | 152 | 2,203 | (b) | 1,505 | 175 | |
| February .. | .. | 2,550 | 49.6 | 128.7 | 411 | 100 | 173 | 3,804 | (b) | 1,832 | 228 | |
| March .. | .. | 2,949 | 57.7 | 136.6 | 367 | 107 | 167 | 3,529 | (b) | 1,626 | 245 | |
| April .. | .. | 2,597 | 61.1 | 152.1 | 336 | 87 | 148 | 3,463 | 178 | 1,397 | 208 | |
| May .. | .. | 2,864 | 54.1 | 127.1 | 356 | 91 | 155 | 4,130 | (b) | 1,852 | 244 | |
| June .. | .. | 2,260 | 49.8 | 132.7 | 290 | 75 | 134 | 3,857 | (b) | 1,641 | 203 | |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 2,933 | 49.6 | 123.4 | 273 | 76 | 146 | (b) | (b) | 1,592 | 214 | |
| August .. | .. | 2,840 | 47.6 | 115.8 | 266 | 71 | 127 | (b) | (b) | 1,531 | 160 | |
| September .. | .. | 2,860 | 51.4 | 121.2 | 307 | 67 | 160 | (b) | (b) | 1,502 | 115 | |
| October .. | .. | 3,208 | 54.2 | 143.1 | | | | | | | | |

(a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.
(Base : 1948 = 100.)

| Period. | Belgium. (a) | Canada. (a) | Denmark. (b) | France. (b) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether- lands. | Norway. (b) (c) | Sweden. (b) | United King- dom. (d) | U.S.A. (b) (e) |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1937 .. | 102 | 60 | n.a. | 98 | n.a. | 192 | 88 | 80 | 67 | 91 | 59 |
| 1938 .. | 82 | 56 | n.a. | 90 | 101 | 210 | 89 | 80 | 67 | 86 | 46 |
| 1939 .. | 87 | 60 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 98 | 85 | 73 | n.a. | 57 |
| 1945 .. | n.a. | 97 | n.a. | 38 | n.a. | n.a. | 27 | 55 | 75 | n.a. | 106 |
| 1946 .. | 73 | 88 | n.a. | 71 | n.a. | n.a. | 65 | 80 | 91 | n.a. | 89 |
| 1947 .. | 93 | 97 | n.a. | 86 | 96 | n.a. | 83 | 92 | 94 | n.a. | 97 |
| 1948 .. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1949 .. | 100 | 102 | 107 | 110 | 110 | 129 | 112 | 106 | 104 | 106 | 92 |
| 1950 .. | 102 | 109 | 118 | 111 | 127 | 152 | 123 | 113 | 108 | 114 | 104 |
| 1951 .. | r118 | 117 | 121 | 125 | 144 | 200 | 128 | 119 | 112 | 117 | 115 |
| 1950— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 110 | 113 | 128 | 113 | 133 | n.a. | 133 | 114 | 110 | n.a. | 112 |
| October .. | 114 | 116 | 127 | 119 | 141 | n.a. | 139 | 119 | 114 | n.a. | 115 |
| November .. | 114 | 116 | 127 | 123 | 136 | n.a. | 135 | 120 | 115 | n.a. | 112 |
| December .. | 110 | 115 | 122 | 120 | 138 | n.a. | 124 | 118 | 112 | n.a. | 112 |
| 1951— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 112 | 116 | 124 | 123 | 142 | 172 | 129 | 118 | 109 | n.a. | 112 |
| February .. | 115 | 118 | 126 | 126 | 137 | 174 | 125 | 133 | 113 | n.a. | 113 |
| March .. | 120 | 120 | 130 | 123 | 150 | 199 | 139 | 122 | 117 | n.a. | 114 |
| April .. | 121 | 120 | 128 | 128 | 146 | 202 | 131 | 122 | 118 | 122 | 116 |
| May .. | r124 | 123 | 126 | 131 | 151 | 206 | 128 | 130 | 117 | 116 | 116 |
| June .. | r120 | 121 | 121 | 130 | 146 | 205 | 127 | 123 | 116 | 122 | 116 |
| July .. | r109 | 115 | 90 | 120 | 151 | 205 | 119 | 84 | 80 | 111 | 111 |
| August .. | r115 | 113 | 115 | 101 | 122 | 199 | 124 | 113 | 108 | 104 | 115 |
| September .. | r116 | 115 | 124 | 123 | 148 | 198 | 126 | 123 | 115 | 121 | 116 |
| October .. | 119 | 117 | 124 | 129 | 154 | 195 | 139 | 122 | 116 | 121 | 116 |
| November .. | 121 | 114 | 125 | 133 | 144 | 204 | 135 | 121 | 118 | 123 | 115 |
| December .. | 117 | 110 | 116 | 131 | 141 | 214 | 120 | 116 | 116 | 113 | 113 |
| 1952— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 116 | 113 | 114 | 136 | 146 | 197 | 130 | 121 | 111 | 118 | 113 |
| February .. | 116 | 114 | 118 | 137 | 139 | 200 | r124 | 131 | 113 | 120 | 114 |
| March .. | 115 | 116 | 121 | 137 | 144 | 212 | 127 | 122 | 115 | 123 | 113 |
| April .. | 115 | 118 | 118 | 136 | 143 | 210 | r123 | 122 | 117 | r110 | 112 |
| May .. | r114 | 120 | 119 | 132 | 153 | 216 | 127 | 127 | 116 | 116 | 110 |
| June .. | 113 | 121 | 117 | 132 | 144 | 212 | r122 | 123 | 115 | 111 | 107 |
| July .. | 102 | r117 | 84 | 125 | | 218 | r127 | 80 | r69 | 102 | r101 |
| August .. | | 115 | 116 | 109 | | 215 | 119 | 112 | 103 | 99 | r112 |
| September .. | | | | | | | | | | | 119 |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(c) Excluding electricity. (d) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Including construction. (e) Excluding electricity and manufactured gas.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

| Period. | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period | | | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. (a) | | |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| | Motor Cars. | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor Cycles. |
| | '000. | '000. | '000. | | | |
| Monthly Averages | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 499 | 214 | 78 | 4,049 | 2,016 | 623 |
| 1937-38 | 535 | 242 | 80 | 4,594 | 2,283 | 694 |
| 1938-39(a) | 562 | 258 | 79 | 4,509 | 2,077 | 614 |
| 1945-46 | 523 | 333 | 73 | 177 | 724 | 163 |
| 1946-47 | 550 | 376 | 87 | 1,770 | 1,360 | 685 |
| 1947-48 | 593 | 414 | 100 | 3,562 | 2,397 | 1,192 |
| 1948-49 | 655 | 452 | 117 | 5,539 | 3,056 | 1,852 |
| 1949-50 | 768 | 502 | 134 | 9,584 | 4,829 | 2,232 |
| 1950-51 | 883 | 551 | 146 | 10,639 | 6,494 | 2,263 |
| 1951-52 | 1,032 | 583 | 155 | 10,443 | 6,122 | 1,846 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | |
| October | 811 | 515 | 137 | 11,940 | 7,529 | 2,380 |
| November | 822 | 523 | 138 | 11,848 | 7,978 | 2,470 |
| December | 831 | 528 | 138 | 9,926 | 6,008 | 1,975 |
| January | 839 | 529 | 139 | 7,742 | 5,021 | 2,044 |
| February | 849 | 535 | 141 | 10,096 | 5,877 | 2,197 |
| March | 858 | 540 | 142 | 10,019 | 6,379 | 3,113 |
| April | 869 | 545 | 144 | 9,742 | 5,942 | 2,620 |
| May | 875 | 548 | 145 | 10,641 | 6,463 | 2,405 |
| June | 883 | 551 | 146 | 8,542 | 5,604 | 1,954 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | |
| July | 895 | 557 | 146 | 10,691 | 7,019 | 2,188 |
| August | 912 | 567 | 148 | 13,556 | 9,441 | 2,735 |
| September | 921 | 571 | 149 | 10,795 | 6,347 | 2,397 |
| October | 934 | 576 | 151 | 12,145 | 6,537 | 2,500 |
| November | 944 | 579 | 152 | 11,866 | 6,835 | 2,187 |
| December | 956 | 579 | 153 | 9,879 | 5,406 | 1,789 |
| January | 970 | 580 | 153 | 8,160 | 4,577 | 1,567 |
| February | 986 | 582 | 154 | 9,637 | 5,301 | 1,574 |
| March | 995 | 581 | 154 | 10,996 | 5,879 | 1,774 |
| April | 1,005 | 581 | 154 | 10,152 | 5,407 | 1,381 |
| May | 1,021 | 583 | 154 | 9,670 | 5,643 | 1,163 |
| June | 1,032 | 583 | 155 | 7,772 | 5,069 | 900 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | |
| July | 1,044 | 582 | 154 | 7,634 | 4,737 | 941 |
| August | 1,043 | 574 | 152 | 6,598 | 4,014 | 918 |
| September | 1,052 | 571 | 151 | 7,174 | 4,080 | 970 |
| October | | | | 9,000(b) | 4,400(b) | |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

| Period. | Freight Carried. | | Passenger-journeys. | Gross Revenue. | Net Revenue. |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Net Ton miles. | Average haul per ton. | | | |
| | Daily Average. '000. | Miles. | Daily Average. '000. | Per Month. £'000. | Per Month. £'000. |
| 1936-37 | 12,820 | 125.9 | 1,028 | 3,407 | 886 |
| 1937-38 | 13,976 | 125.0 | 1,048 | 3,632 | 886 |
| 1938-39 | 13,085 | 127.0 | 1,048 | 3,580 | 694 |
| | (a) | (a) | | | |
| 1945-46 | 16,893 | 147.1 | 1,485 | 5,576 | 823 |
| 1946-47 | 17,406 | 148.4 | 1,368 | 5,303 | 427 |
| 1947-48 | (b) 18,510 | (b) 144.4 | 1,395 | 6,376 | 443 |
| 1948-49 | (b) 19,317 | (b) 146.2 | 1,381 | 7,174 | 89 |
| 1949-50 | (b) 19,181 | (b) 148.8 | 1,377 | 7,702 | — 184 |
| 1950-51 | (b) 19,462 | (b) 148.6 | 1,300 | 8,834 | — 569 |
| 1951-52 | (b) 20,342 | (b) 145.7 | 1,367 | 11,668 | — 602 |
| 1951-52— | (b) | (b) | | | (c) |
| July | 21,521 | 143.7 | 1,426 | 10,129 | — 488 |
| August | 21,906 | 141.9 | 1,294 | 10,697 | — 523 |
| September | 22,284 | 147.7 | 1,378 | 10,037 | — 855 |
| October | 21,325 | 146.0 | 1,311 | 11,438 | 147 |
| November | 21,833 | 148.5 | 1,354 | 12,635 | 387 |
| December | 20,374 | 160.5 | 1,373 | 11,701 | 372 |
| January | 17,812 | 143.3 | 1,338 | 12,167 | 493 |
| February | 20,544 | 142.2 | 1,400 | 12,420 | 619 |
| March | 19,914 | 137.4 | 1,438 | 12,168 | — 291 |
| April | 18,071 | 135.8 | 1,335 | 11,684 | — 776 |
| May | 19,423 | 138.3 | 1,334 | 12,968 | — 2,461 |
| June | 19,175 | 135.3 | 1,445 | 11,972 | — 3,849 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | |
| July | | | 1,308 | 12,118 | — 1,287 |

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Total. |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1950-51 | 49,382 | 20,587 | 18,876 | (b) 7,160 | 6,971 | 102,976 |
| 1951-52 | 68,108 | 26,130 | 22,407 | (b) 9,418 | 9,216 | 135,279 |
| July-September, 1951-52 .. | 12,931 | 5,009 | 5,896 | (b) 1,987 | 2,372 | 28,195 |
| July-September, 1952-53 .. | 17,285 | 6,243 | 6,458 | (b) 2,723 | 1,398 | 34,107 |

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes Treasury transfers—1950-51, £2,600,000; 1951-52, £5,050,000; July-September, 1951-52, £650,000, 1952-53, £1,262,000.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period. | Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from— | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (a) |
| Monthly | | | | | | | |
| Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 284 | 92 | 39 | 184 | 8 | 68 | 675 |
| 1937-38 .. | 309 | 101 | 37 | 212 | 8 | 75 | 742 |
| 1938-39 .. | 284 | 94 | 39 | 241 | 10 | 78 | 746 |
| 1945-46(b) .. | 264 | 70 | 44 | 158 | 26 | 56 | 618 |
| 1946-47 .. | 283 | 72 | 46 | 234 | 17 | 55 | 707 |
| 1947-48 .. | 293 | 64 | 46 | 216 | 14 | 58 | 692 |
| 1948-49 .. | 287 | 59 | 43 | 167 | 11 | 50 | 617 |
| 1949-50 .. | 258 | 58 | 40 | 215 | 12 | 51 | 635 |
| 1950-51 .. | 259 | 57 | 46 | 242 | 12 | 55 | 671 |
| 1951-52 .. | 312 | 62 | 54 | 256 | 17 | 50 | 752 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 341 | 50 | 58 | 287 | 12 | 65 | 813 |
| October .. | 292 | 72 | 45 | 217 | 4 | 46 | 676 |
| November .. | 298 | 40 | 65 | 210 | 24 | 48 | 685 |
| December .. | 285 | 53 | 43 | 214 | 7 | 41 | 643 |
| January .. | 156 | 57 | 35 | 250 | 10 | 46 | 554 |
| February .. | 171 | 43 | 45 | 206 | 10 | 52 | 527 |
| March .. | 219 | 49 | 27 | 249 | 13 | 48 | 605 |
| April .. | 263 | 56 | 58 | 212 | 9 | 50 | 648 |
| May .. | 296 | 64 | 54 | 285 | 5 | 67 | 771 |
| June .. | 244 | 72 | 45 | 222 | 16 | 59 | 658 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 319 | 69 | 39 | 254 | 27 | 31 | 740 |
| August .. | 392 | 67 | 48 | 258 | 14 | 64 | 844 |
| September .. | 326 | 49 | 65 | 264 | 20 | 70 | 795 |
| October .. | 326 | 89 | 67 | 260 | 10 | 36 | 789 |
| November .. | 346 | 62 | 70 | 253 | 21 | 40 | 792 |
| December .. | 253 | 56 | 49 | 257 | 5 | 47 | 667 |
| January .. | 296 | 54 | 61 | 265 | 20 | 58 | 754 |
| February .. | 287 | 59 | 69 | 244 | 14 | 57 | 731 |
| March .. | 292 | 64 | 58 | 280 | 6 | 64 | 764 |
| April .. | 274 | 45 | 33 | 245 | 12 | 44 | 653 |
| May .. | 338 | 62 | 58 | 263 | 22 | 48 | 791 |
| June .. | 292 | 66 | 36 | 226 | 37 | 44 | 701 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 378 | 55 | 94 | 287 | 26 | 65 | 905 |
| August .. | 369 | 63 | 83 | 335 | 16 | 57 | 924 |
| September p | 347 | 66 | 55 | 111 | 34 | 55 | 668 |

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period. | Discharged. | | | Shipped. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total (Tons W and M.) | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total (Tons W and M.) |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 304 | 169 | 473 | 419 | 78 | 497 |
| 1937-38 .. | 364 | 190 | 554 | 478 | 91 | 569 |
| 1938-39 .. | 350 | 183 | 533 | 428 | 91 | 519 |
| 1945-46(a) | 384 | 139 | 523 | 202 | 121 | 323 |
| 1946-47 .. | 348 | 116 | 464 | 259 | 112 | 371 |
| 1947-48 .. | 415 | 160 | 575 | 374 | 104 | 478 |
| 1948-49 .. | 488 | 214 | 702 | 452 | 114 | 566 |
| 1949-50 .. | 641 | 298 | 939 | 422 | 116 | 538 |
| 1950-51 .. | 757 | 333 | 1,090 | 450 | 108 | 558 |
| 1951-52 .. | 810 | 391 | 1,201 | 374 | 103 | 477 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | |
| September .. | 766 | 310 | 1,076 | 537 | 122 | 659 |
| October .. | 721 | 308 | 1,029 | 440 | 109 | 549 |
| November .. | 725 | 315 | 1,040 | 388 | 113 | 501 |
| December .. | 680 | 319 | 999 | 405 | 116 | 521 |
| January .. | 868 | 400 | 1,268 | 455 | 71 | 526 |
| February .. | 687 | 352 | 1,039 | 417 | 74 | 491 |
| March .. | 772 | 322 | 1,094 | 511 | 105 | 616 |
| April .. | 664 | 358 | 1,022 | 448 | 134 | 582 |
| May .. | 809 | 312 | 1,121 | 462 | 142 | 604 |
| June .. | 762 | 297 | 1,059 | 505 | 112 | 617 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | |
| July .. | 740 | 287 | 1,027 | 450 | 108 | 558 |
| August .. | 898 | 395 | 1,293 | 458 | 73 | 531 |
| September .. | 818 | 437 | 1,255 | 383 | 75 | 458 |
| October .. | 868 | 464 | 1,332 | 414 | 102 | 516 |
| November .. | 838 | 417 | 1,255 | 375 | 110 | 485 |
| December .. | 751 | 421 | 1,172 | 261 | 81 | 342 |
| January .. | 906 | 530 | 1,436 | 319 | 76 | 395 |
| February .. | 741 | 446 | 1,187 | 376 | 76 | 452 |
| March .. | 823 | 436 | 1,259 | 386 | 134 | 520 |
| April .. | 783 | 407 | 1,190 | 399 | 126 | 525 |
| May .. | 816 | 255 | 1,071 | 345 | 130 | 475 |
| June .. | 744 | 196 | 940 | 322 | 139 | 461 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | |
| July .. | 727 | 169 | 896 | 402 | 119 | 521 |
| August .. | 714 | 168 | 882 | 366 | 113 | 479 |
| September p .. | 802 | 127 | 929 | 333 | 154 | 487 |

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period. | Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a) | Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b) | Telephone Services connected at end of period. | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| | | | Lines. | Instruments. |
| | £'000. | '000. | '000. | '000. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,318 | 938 | 440 | 595 |
| 1937-38 | 1,396 | 1,056 | 465 | 630 |
| 1938-39 | 1,447 | 1,130 | 488 | 662 |
| 1945-46 | 2,371 | 1,506 | 607 | 856 |
| 1946-47 | 2,484 | 1,771 | 648 | 905 |
| 1947-48 | 2,616 | 1,833 | 688 | 963 |
| 1948-49 | 2,776 | 1,919 | 734 | 1,028 |
| 1949-50 | 3,196 | 2,030 | 793 | 1,110 |
| 1950-51 | 3,732 | (c)2,110 | 864 | 1,209 |
| 1951-52 | 4,948 | 1,961 | 927 | 1,301 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | |
| October | 3,605 | 2,047 | 817 | 1,143 |
| November | 3,563 | 2,057 | 823 | 1,151 |
| December | 3,997 | 2,064 | 828 | 1,158 |
| January | 3,574 | 2,068 | 833 | 1,167 |
| February | 3,710 | 2,075 | 839 | 1,174 |
| March | 3,695 | 2,075 | 844 | 1,182 |
| April | 4,099 | 2,086 | 851 | 1,191 |
| May | 4,361 | 2,092 | 858 | 1,200 |
| June | 4,284 | 2,110 | 864 | 1,209 |
| 1951-52— | | | | |
| July | 4,346 | 2,228 | 870 | 1,218 |
| August | 4,555 | 2,246 | 877 | 1,228 |
| September | 4,090 | 2,257 | 883 | 1,236 |
| October | 5,203 | 2,247 | 889 | 1,245 |
| November | 4,775 | 2,241 | 894 | 1,253 |
| December | 5,309 | (c)2,245 | 899 | 1,259 |
| January | 4,840 | 1,986 | 904 | 1,266 |
| February | 5,023 | 1,991 | 909 | 1,274 |
| March | 4,940 | 1,985 | 914 | 1,280 |
| April | 4,834 | 1,981 | 918 | 1,287 |
| May | 5,798 | 1,973 | 923 | 1,294 |
| June | 5,657 | 1,961 | 927 | 1,301 |
| 1952-53— | | | | |
| July | 5,334 | 1,900 | 932 | 1,308 |
| August | 5,121 | 1,898 | 937 | 1,315 |
| September | 5,382 | 1,904 | 942 | 1,323 |
| October | 5,702 | 1,923 | 947 | 1,330 |

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£ million.)

| Period. | Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a) | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----|---------------|-------|---------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | Taxable Goods. | | Exempt Goods. | | Total Taxable and Exempt Goods. | | | | | | |
| | Monthly Averages. Totals complete. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15.4 | 21.8 | 37.2 | | |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.9 | 23.6 | 40.5 | | |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.4 | 23.4 | 39.8 | | |
| 1944-45 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19.3 | 33.0 | 52.3 | | |
| 1945-46 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22.3 | 33.4 | 55.7 | | |
| 1946-47 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24.6 | 42.2 | 66.8 | | |
| 1947-48 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26.2 | 53.3 | 79.5 | | |
| 1948-49 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30.3 | 63.1 | 93.4 | | |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38.0 | 72.2 | 110.2 | | |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 45.6 | 94.9 | 140.5 | | |
| Taxable Sales—Rates. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 8½% | 10% | 12½% | 20% | 25% | 33½% | 50% | 66½% | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated. | | |
| May .. | 41.3 | 6.3 | .. | .. | 1.2 | 2.9 | .. | .. | 51.7 | 107.5 | 159.2 |
| June .. | 39.9 | 4.1 | .. | .. | 1.1 | 2.4 | .. | .. | 47.5 | 112.5 | 160.0 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 41.8 | 7.5 | .. | .. | 1.3 | 3.2 | .. | .. | 53.8 | 108.3 | 162.1 |
| August .. | 45.7 | 7.9 | .. | .. | 1.4 | 4.0 | .. | .. | 59.0 | 113.6 | 172.6 |
| September .. | 46.6 | 8.8 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 3.3 | .. | .. | 63.3 | 108.8 | 172.1 |
| October .. | .. | .. | 36.6 | 9.0 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 50.3 | 117.8 | 168.1 |
| November .. | .. | .. | 39.9 | 11.1 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 56.6 | 121.1 | 177.7 |
| December .. | .. | .. | 36.1 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 50.0 | 103.3 | 153.3 |
| January .. | .. | .. | 33.6 | 8.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 45.2 | 100.5 | 145.7 |
| February .. | .. | .. | 37.8 | 8.5 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | r50.2 | 110.8 | r161.0 |
| March .. | .. | .. | r38.5 | r11.3 | 0.2 | r3.0 | r0.7 | 0.6 | r54.3 | r104.6 | r158.9 |
| April p .. | .. | .. | 36.5 | 9.5 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 50.3 | 113.0 | 163.3 |
| May p .. | .. | .. | 37.0 | 10.0 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 51.6 | 110.0 | 161.6 |

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ from 13.10.50; 12½, 20, 25, 33½, 50 and 66½ from 27.9.51; 12½, 20, 33½ and 50 from 7.8.52. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, and 27.8.51, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.

(£ million.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total. (b). |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 .. | 96.3 | 67.6 | 32.6 | 20.1 | 16.3 | 7.5 | 240.4 |
| 1948-49 .. | 114.6 | 80.0 | 38.6 | 24.5 | 19.8 | 8.8 | 286.3 |
| 1949-50 .. | 133.3 | 96.9 | 45.8 | 30.3 | 24.2 | 10.3 | 340.8 |
| 1950-51 .. | 167.2 | 118.8 | 56.5 | 37.2 | 29.7 | 12.9 | 422.3 |
| 1951-52 .. | 188.7 | 135.2 | 64.0 | 43.8 | 35.3 | 15.5 | 482.5 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| December Qtr. | 171.3 | 122.6 | 58.3 | 37.6 | 30.5 | 13.3 | 433.6 |
| March .. | 164.1 | 117.1 | 55.8 | 36.9 | 29.9 | 12.7 | 416.5 |
| June .. | 181.2 | 127.6 | 60.2 | 41.0 | 31.9 | 14.1 | 456.0 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 182.3 | 126.8 | 62.7 | 41.0 | 32.3 | 14.4 | 459.5 |
| December .. | 206.4 | 147.2 | 69.2 | 46.0 | 37.2 | 16.5 | 522.5 |
| March .. | 180.7 | 132.9 | 61.4 | 44.0 | 35.3 | 15.4 | 469.7 |
| June .. | 185.3 | 133.9 | 62.8 | 44.3 | 36.3 | 15.5 | 478.1 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| September .. p | 176.7 | 126.3 | 62.7 | 40.6 | 34.0 | 15.1 | 455.4 |

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(£ million.)

| Period. | Groceries. | Butcher's Meat. | Other Food. (b) | Beer, Wine and Spirits. | Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Foot- wear. | Hard- ware. | Electri- cal Goods. | Furni- ture. | Other Goods. | Total (Exclud- ing Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.) | Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|--------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 .. | 41.9 | 39.4 | | (c) | 49.8 | (c) | (c) | (c) | (c) | 211.0 | 29.4 | 240.4 |
| 1948-49 .. | 35.9 | 16.3 | 29.1 | 23.8 | 59.5 | 18.1 | 8.5 | 11.6 | 42.0 | 244.8 | 41.5 | 286.3 |
| 1949-50 .. | 40.1 | 18.6 | 32.9 | 26.1 | 65.4 | 20.8 | 10.2 | 13.4 | 49.5 | 277.0 | 63.8 | 340.8 |
| 1950-51 .. | 46.2 | 22.3 | 38.9 | 30.4 | 80.7 | 27.5 | 14.6 | 18.6 | 59.4 | 338.6 | 83.7 | 422.3 |
| 1951-52 .. | 57.4 | 28.3 | 47.1 | 37.7 | 85.7 | 32.0 | 16.5 | 18.1 | 70.3 | 393.1 | 89.4 | 482.5 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. Qtr. .. | 46.8 | 21.2 | 39.0 | 32.0 | 83.9 | 27.9 | 16.0 | 18.6 | 64.4 | 349.8 | 83.8 | 433.6 |
| Mar. .. | 45.9 | 22.4 | 40.6 | 32.1 | 76.6 | 26.6 | 14.8 | 18.7 | 57.7 | 335.4 | 81.1 | 416.5 |
| June .. | 49.4 | 25.3 | 40.3 | 31.0 | 90.8 | 31.3 | 15.4 | 20.6 | 62.5 | 366.6 | 89.4 | 456.0 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 52.5 | 26.7 | 43.3 | 31.6 | 81.7 | 31.1 | 17.8 | 19.8 | 65.8 | 370.3 | 89.2 | 459.5 |
| Dec. .. | 59.1 | 28.2 | 49.0 | 41.1 | 95.4 | 34.9 | 19.1 | 19.5 | 80.2 | 426.5 | 96.0 | 522.5 |
| Mar. .. | 57.2 | 28.7 | 48.7 | 40.3 | 75.8 | 30.8 | 15.3 | 16.4 | 67.5 | 380.7 | 89.0 | 469.7 |
| June .. | 60.9 | 29.6 | 47.5 | 37.8 | 89.8 | 31.2 | 13.9 | 16.6 | 67.5 | 394.8 | 83.3 | 478.1 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. p | 61.7 | 29.9 | 48.1 | 37.0 | 77.5 | 30.7 | 13.9 | 16.2 | 67.2 | 382.2 | 73.2 | 455.4 |

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread.

(c) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48 not collected.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

| Period. | Deposits.(b) | | | Advances. | Government and Municipal Securities. (c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. | Cash. | Treasury Bills. |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|---|--|-------|-----------------|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. | .. | 184.7 | 112.9 | 297.6 | 262.5 | 15.0 | .. | 34.2 |
| 1937-38.. | .. | 194.8 | 120.0 | 314.8 | 274.4 | 21.4 | .. | 37.1 |
| 1938-39.. | .. | 198.8 | 118.9 | 317.7 | 288.1 | 20.5 | .. | 33.6 |
| 1945-46.. | .. | 220.4 | 386.0 | 606.4 | (d) 212.2 | 115.3 | 238.1 | 38.5 |
| 1946-47.. | .. | 206.9 | 429.7 | 636.6 | 261.1 | 95.0 | 265.0 | 37.9 |
| 1947-48.. | .. | 201.9 | 471.6 | 673.5 | 329.9 | 65.6 | 262.3 | 44.4 |
| 1948-49.. | .. | 211.3 | 565.1 | 776.4 | 368.6 | 61.5 | 322.7 | 48.0 |
| 1949-50.. | .. | 224.5 | 685.6 | 910.1 | 403.9 | 83.8 | 377.0 | 52.0 |
| 1950-51.. | .. | 247.7 | 896.5 | 1,144.2 | 479.3 | 90.2 | 500.3 | 59.3 |
| 1951-52.. | .. | 238.2 | 963.5 | 1,201.7 | 621.4 | 68.4 | 466.0 | 60.6 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | |
| October | .. | 248.7 | 808.4 | 1,057.1 | 465.0 | 84.6 | 458.8 | 58.1 |
| November | .. | 250.0 | 846.5 | 1,096.5 | 476.5 | 80.7 | 480.3 | 57.0 |
| December(e) | .. | 247.1 | 886.4 | 1,133.5 | 490.5 | 83.7 | 486.0 | 62.1 |
| January | .. | 249.2 | 909.9 | 1,159.1 | 482.0 | 85.9 | 498.5 | 64.8 |
| February | .. | 247.3 | 950.9 | 1,198.2 | 495.3 | 92.4 | 523.1 | 60.8 |
| March | .. | 246.2 | 1,038.9 | 1,285.1 | 507.2 | 92.6 | 532.5 | 70.7 |
| April .. | .. | 248.1 | 1,048.9 | 1,297.0 | 502.3 | 88.1 | 557.5 | 69.3 |
| May .. | .. | 251.9 | 1,039.9 | 1,291.8 | 496.9 | 93.4 | 575.5 | 59.5 |
| June .. | .. | 250.1 | 987.6 | 1,237.7 | 509.5 | 93.0 | 569.6 | 50.5 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 252.1 | 952.2 | 1,204.3 | 527.6 | 91.1 | 537.8 | 55.1 |
| August .. | .. | 249.3 | 941.3 | 1,190.6 | 541.6 | 81.5 | 523.0 | 56.3 |
| September .. | .. | 247.4 | 929.9 | 1,177.3 | 568.5 | 75.8 | 519.1 | 54.5 |
| October .. | .. | 242.2 | 937.0 | 1,179.2 | 593.8 | 68.2 | 509.8 | 56.1 |
| November .. | .. | 240.2 | 950.5 | 1,190.7 | 620.7 | 63.2 | 494.5 | 61.9 |
| December (e) | .. | 240.2 | 1,002.2 | 1,242.4 | 624.8 | 61.9 | 483.9 | 69.2 |
| January .. | .. | 236.9 | 981.4 | 1,218.3 | 638.6 | 59.0 | 483.6 | 67.7 |
| February .. | .. | 236.5 | 992.0 | 1,228.5 | 654.6 | 62.0 | 458.5 | 64.4 |
| March .. | .. | 234.9 | 1,006.4 | 1,241.3 | 664.1 | 67.6 | 436.5 | 64.4 |
| April .. | .. | 232.2 | 1,014.4 | 1,246.6 | 667.9 | 64.1 | 427.5 | 64.2 |
| May .. | .. | 224.8 | 957.2 | 1,182.0 | 675.6 | 62.5 | 398.9 | 53.7 |
| June .. | .. | 220.5 | 902.4 | 1,122.9 | 691.2 | 62.6 | 303.3 | 61.2 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 215.1 | 857.0 | 1,072.1 | 699.3 | 65.3 | 215.5 | 65.2 |
| August .. | .. | 214.8 | 844.7 | 1,059.5 | 690.4 | 65.5 | 190.5 | 68.4 |
| September .. | .. | 214.7 | 839.4 | 1,054.1 | 682.0 | 65.6 | 185.7 | 66.7 |
| October .. | .. | 213.8 | 863.9 | 1,077.7 | 673.4 | 66.3 | 163.8 | 69.0 |
| (a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced to seven by amalgamations. Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only. | | | | | | | | |

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

| Period. | | Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits. | | | | | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|----------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| | | Cash in Australia. | Cash +Treasury Bills. | Advances. | Advances +Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c) | Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank. | |
| Average of Figures— | Weekly | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | .. .. | 11.49 | 19.73 | 88.20 | 93.26 | .. | 37.93 |
| 1937-38 | .. .. | 11.79 | 18.37 | 87.15 | 93.95 | .. | 38.13 |
| 1938-39 | .. .. | 10.58 | 17.36 | 90.70 | 97.15 | .. | 37.42 |
| 1945-46 | .. .. | 6.34 | 16.20 | (d)34.99 | (d)54.00 | 39.27 | 63.65 |
| 1946-47 | .. .. | 5.96 | 10.02 | 41.02 | 55.95 | 41.63 | 67.51 |
| 1947-48 | .. .. | 6.59 | 9.28 | 48.98 | 58.72 | 38.94 | 70.02 |
| 1948-49 | .. .. | 6.18 | 9.03 | 47.47 | 55.39 | 41.56 | 72.79 |
| 1949-50 | .. .. | 5.71 | 8.62 | 44.35 | 53.55 | 41.40 | 75.28 |
| 1950-51 | .. .. | 5.19 | 8.41 | 41.89 | 49.69 | 43.73 | 78.35 |
| 1951-52 | .. .. | 5.04 | 7.74 | 51.71 | 57.40 | 38.78 | 80.18 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| October | .. .. | 5.50 | 8.30 | 43.99 | 51.99 | 43.40 | 76.47 |
| November | .. .. | 5.20 | 8.26 | 43.46 | 50.82 | 43.80 | 77.20 |
| December(e) | .. .. | 5.48 | 8.72 | 43.25 | 50.63 | 42.87 | 78.20 |
| January | .. .. | 5.58 | 9.18 | 41.59 | 49.00 | 43.01 | 78.50 |
| February | .. .. | 5.07 | 8.60 | 41.34 | 49.06 | 43.66 | 79.36 |
| March | .. .. | 5.50 | 9.99 | 39.47 | 46.67 | 41.43 | 80.84 |
| April | .. .. | 5.34 | 9.73 | 38.73 | 45.52 | 42.98 | 80.87 |
| May | .. .. | 4.60 | 8.80 | 38.47 | 45.70 | 44.55 | 80.50 |
| June | .. .. | 4.08 | 6.73 | 41.16 | 48.67 | 46.02 | 79.79 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| July | .. .. | 4.58 | 6.64 | 43.81 | 51.38 | 44.65 | 79.07 |
| August | .. .. | 4.73 | 7.71 | 45.49 | 52.34 | 43.93 | 79.06 |
| September | .. .. | 4.63 | 7.48 | 48.29 | 54.73 | 44.09 | 78.98 |
| October | .. .. | 4.76 | 6.75 | 50.36 | 56.14 | 43.24 | 79.46 |
| November | .. .. | 5.20 | 6.82 | 52.13 | 57.44 | 41.53 | 79.83 |
| December(e) | .. .. | 5.57 | 8.47 | 50.29 | 55.28 | 38.95 | 80.67 |
| January | .. .. | 5.23 | 7.99 | 52.42 | 57.26 | 39.70 | 80.55 |
| February | .. .. | 5.24 | 7.78 | 53.28 | 58.33 | 37.32 | 80.75 |
| March | .. .. | 5.18 | 8.23 | 53.50 | 58.94 | 35.16 | 81.08 |
| April | .. .. | 5.15 | 8.33 | 53.58 | 58.72 | 34.29 | 81.37 |
| May | .. .. | 4.54 | 7.80 | 57.16 | 62.45 | 33.75 | 80.98 |
| June | .. .. | 5.45 | 8.63 | 61.56 | 67.14 | 27.01 | 80.36 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| July | .. .. | 6.08 | 10.40 | 65.23 | 71.32 | 20.10 | 79.94 |
| August | .. .. | 6.46 | 12.08 | 65.16 | 71.34 | 17.98 | 79.73 |
| September | .. .. | 6.33 | 12.90 | 64.70 | 70.91 | 17.62 | 79.63 |
| October | .. .. | 6.40 | 15.41 | 62.49 | 68.64 | 15.20 | 80.16 |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills,

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

GENERAL BANKING DIVISION—LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

and

RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS—ADVANCES.(a)
(£ million.)

| Period. | General Banking Division. | | | | | | | Other Departments—Advances. | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | Deposits. | | | Advances. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. | Rural Credits Depart- ment. | Mortgage Bank Depart- ment. | Industrial Finance Department. | |
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | | | | Hire Purchase. | Other. |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1945–46(b) .. | 21.1 | 35.3 | 56.4 | 17.8 | 7.3 | 4.2 | 33.6 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 1946–47 .. | 17.6 | 40.7 | 58.3 | 20.4 | 6.6 | 1.9 | 34.3 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| 1947–48 .. | 13.9 | 43.7 | 57.6 | 23.4 | 6.6 | — | 32.1 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| 1948–49 .. | 13.2 | 51.1 | 64.3 | 31.8 | 6.1 | — | 34.1 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 7.6 | 4.8 |
| 1949–50 .. | 14.8 | 62.5 | 77.3 | 45.3 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 35.4 | 13.8 | 3.5 | 12.8 | 6.3 |
| 1950–51 .. | 19.4 | 89.2 | 108.6 | 62.5 | 7.2 | 24.0 | 26.9 | 13.7 | 3.8 | 14.7 | 7.6 |
| 1951–52 .. | 20.1 | r90.6 | 110.7 | r76.4 | 6.6 | 26.4 | r13.3 | 19.7 | 4.1 | 15.5 | 8.7 |
| 1950–51— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 18.0 | 83.5 | 101.5 | 60.1 | 5.9 | 14.3 | 32.6 | 9.2 | 3.9 | 14.7 | 7.6 |
| November .. | 18.5 | 88.0 | 106.5 | 60.9 | 5.7 | 15.6 | 35.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 15.0 | 7.6 |
| December .. | 18.5 | 92.6 | 111.1 | 61.9 | 6.6 | 20.3 | 33.6 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 15.1 | 7.6 |
| January .. | 18.2 | 85.3 | 103.5 | 64.7 | 6.3 | 19.4 | 27.8 | 8.0 | 3.8 | 14.9 | 7.4 |
| February .. | 18.1 | 94.6 | 112.7 | 65.1 | 10.6 | 23.3 | 26.6 | 12.5 | 3.9 | 14.6 | 7.5 |
| March .. | 18.3 | 108.8 | 127.1 | 64.0 | 13.3 | 38.5 | 25.1 | 24.1 | 3.9 | 14.4 | 7.6 |
| April .. | 24.2 | 103.9 | 128.1 | 63.8 | 7.1 | 51.3 | 18.6 | 27.4 | 3.9 | 14.4 | 7.4 |
| May .. | 24.1 | 102.1 | 126.2 | 66.3 | 6.0 | 47.2 | 18.6 | 29.7 | 3.9 | 14.6 | 7.5 |
| June .. | 22.3 | 97.4 | 119.7 | 68.5 | 6.9 | 36.5 | 15.1 | 16.9 | 3.8 | 14.7 | 7.5 |
| 1951–52— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 22.7 | 91.1 | 113.8 | 71.3 | 5.9 | 34.5 | 13.1 | 8.8 | 3.9 | 15.0 | 7.9 |
| August .. | 22.5 | 87.9 | 110.4 | 72.8 | 6.5 | 32.5 | 9.7 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 15.4 | 7.8 |
| September .. | 20.8 | 86.2 | 107.0 | 73.6 | 5.5 | 30.5 | 8.4 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 15.9 | 8.0 |
| October .. | 20.6 | 88.3 | 108.9 | 75.3 | 6.5 | 29.1 | 9.7 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 16.3 | 8.2 |
| November .. | 20.1 | 89.6 | 109.7 | 78.2 | 6.4 | 26.0 | 10.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 16.7 | 8.4 |
| December .. | 19.0 | 96.9 | 115.9 | 79.5 | 9.1 | 27.3 | 11.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 16.6 | 8.6 |
| January .. | 17.9 | 90.4 | 108.3 | 81.2 | 6.8 | 22.8 | 11.1 | 6.5 | 4.2 | 16.0 | 8.8 |
| February .. | 18.8 | 92.7 | 111.5 | 81.7 | 6.5 | 24.0 | 11.1 | 23.1 | 4.3 | 15.5 | 9.1 |
| March .. | 19.4 | 93.5 | 112.9 | (d) 80.6 | 6.1 | 23.5 | (d) 13.5 | 44.9 | 4.3 | 15.1 | 9.2 |
| April .. | 19.9 | 93.3 | 113.2 | 77.9 | 7.2 | 22.4 | 17.9 | 52.5 | 4.4 | 14.8 | 9.3 |
| May .. | 19.3 | 90.2 | 109.5 | 73.9 | 5.8 | 21.0 | 21.2 | 44.5 | 4.3 | 14.4 | 9.3 |
| June .. | 19.8 | 89.3 | 109.1 | 71.2 | 7.1 | 23.0 | 22.1 | 39.5 | 4.2 | 14.2 | 9.4 |
| 1952–53— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 19.5 | 85.7 | 105.2 | 62.5 | (e) 28.0 | (e) 3.8 | 22.5 | 27.4 | 4.3 | 14.0 | 9.1 |
| August .. | 19.0 | 85.9 | 104.9 | 62.2 | 26.6 | 4.6 | 24.4 | 26.4 | 4.3 | 13.9 | 8.9 |
| September .. | 19.5 | 85.3 | 104.8 | 58.8 | 26.9 | 5.6 | 27.5 | 23.7 | 4.3 | 13.8 | 8.7 |
| October .. | 20.5 | 88.8 | 109.3 | 57.4 | 24.1 | 6.6 | 33.6 | 17.1 | 4.3 | 13.8 | 8.5 |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.
 (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only. (d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (e) At the beginning of July the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the *Banking Act 1945*. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING
BUSINESS.**

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

| Period. | Notes on Issue. | | | Special Accounts of Trading Banks. | Other Deposits of Trading Banks. | Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves). | Gold and Balances held Abroad. | Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills). |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | Held by Banks. | Held by Public. | Total. | | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1945–46(b) .. | 16.9 | 176.9 | 193.8 | 241.8 | 26.9 | 144.4 | 181.6 | 418.3 |
| 1946–47 .. | 18.7 | 180.7 | 199.4 | 267.0 | 24.1 | 122.1 | 217.6 | 392.2 |
| 1947–48 .. | 22.2 | 175.9 | 198.1 | 263.7 | 28.0 | 142.0 | 196.7 | 419.9 |
| 1948–49 .. | 24.9 | 178.7 | 203.6 | 323.9 | 29.8 | 174.6 | 336.2 | 356.3 |
| 1949–50 .. | 27.9 | 194.3 | 222.2 | 379.6 | 30.7 | 200.3 | 434.0 | 349.0 |
| 1950–51 .. | 32.7 | 219.1 | 251.8 | 503.2 | 34.7 | 238.2 | 596.3 | 366.6 |
| 1951–52 .. | 38.1 | 255.5 | 293.6 | 468.8 | 31.1 | 270.9 | 470.6 | 503.1 |
| 1950–51— | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 30.2 | 208.4 | 238.6 | 462.5 | 35.3 | 221.0 | 543.0 | 362.4 |
| November .. | 30.7 | 210.5 | 241.2 | 483.4 | 33.9 | 220.1 | 559.2 | 365.9 |
| December .. | (c) 35.7 | (c) 222.8 | 258.5 | 488.2 | 36.5 | 220.8 | 563.2 | 376.4 |
| January .. | 36.0 | 219.1 | 255.1 | 501.5 | 36.6 | 235.0 | 567.0 | 400.7 |
| February .. | 32.7 | 220.4 | 253.1 | 526.0 | 35.6 | 238.0 | 591.6 | 389.0 |
| March .. | 35.1 | 229.4 | 264.5 | 535.4 | 46.7 | 270.7 | 640.6 | 407.6 |
| April .. | 35.1 | 231.0 | 266.1 | 560.4 | 44.2 | 281.4 | 676.4 | 398.2 |
| May .. | 34.9 | 234.6 | 269.5 | 578.4 | 34.5 | 278.3 | 701.2 | 368.6 |
| June .. | 35.0 | 238.6 | 273.6 | 572.6 | 23.3 | 278.5 | 718.2 | 346.9 |
| 1951–52— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 34.9 | 241.4 | 276.3 | 540.8 | 29.5 | 287.3 | 712.6 | 345.2 |
| August .. | 35.3 | 244.6 | 279.9 | 526.0 | 30.0 | 281.3 | 696.5 | 351.7 |
| September .. | 35.7 | 248.0 | 283.7 | 522.1 | 26.9 | 274.3 | 665.8 | 372.8 |
| October .. | 37.4 | 249.6 | 287.0 | 512.8 | 26.5 | 277.8 | 615.5 | 412.4 |
| November .. | 37.3 | (c) 252.8 | 290.1 | 497.4 | 32.3 | 287.1 | 512.5 | 513.7 |
| December .. | (c) 43.3 | (c) 264.6 | 307.9 | 484.0 | 35.9 | 275.0 | 446.6 | 581.0 |
| January .. | 43.5 | 257.9 | 301.4 | 486.0 | 33.4 | 267.4 | 386.3 | 615.9 |
| February .. | 38.2 | 256.6 | 294.8 | 461.0 | 36.2 | 259.9 | 335.8 | 627.5 |
| March .. | 36.9 | 259.9 | 296.8 | 438.9 | 36.4 | 264.0 | 316.6 | 613.1 |
| April .. | 38.4 | 265.0 | 303.4 | 430.0 | 33.9 | 260.1 | 313.1 | 585.4 |
| May .. | 38.1 | 262.9 | 301.0 | (d) 401.8 | 22.3 | 256.0 | 311.0 | 541.3 |
| June .. | 37.5 | 264.5 | 302.0 | (d) 305.0 | 30.1 | 260.2 | 303.2 | 488.8 |
| 1952–53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 36.3 | 266.1 | 302.4 | (d) 216.9 | 34.9 | 266.9 | 288.5 | 460.9 |
| August .. | 36.3 | 269.5 | 305.8 | (d) 191.8 | 38.2 | 267.5 | 291.0 | 457.3 |
| September .. | 36.0 | 273.0 | 309.0 | (d) 187.0 | 36.3 | 278.5 | 301.3 | 463.8 |
| October .. | 35.8 | 276.5 | 312.3 | (d) 164.9 | 38.9 | 278.5 | 299.5 | 455.1 |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946 ; thereafter on Wednesdays of period. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays. (d) Special Accounts of Trading Banks on last Wednesday of month were :—May, 1952, £370.7 million ; June, 1952, £258.0 million ; July, 1952 £194.9 million ; August, 1952, £191.2 million ; September, 1952, £184.4 million ; and October, 1952, £157.6 million.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

| Period. | Deposits. | | | Advances. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | |
| 1945-46 (c) .. | 245.8 | 436.6 | 682.4 | 246.7 | 48.3 | 67.2 | 158.7 |
| 1946-47 .. | 229.5 | 480.4 | 709.9 | 304.4 | 47.0 | 28.5 | 137.8 |
| 1947-48(d) .. | 221.2 | 527.9 | 749.1 | 384.8 | 54.1 | 18.9 | 108.2 |
| 1948-49 .. | 231.8 | 634.6 | 866.4 | 440.2 | 58.3 | 23.9 | 109.2 |
| 1949-50 .. | 249.3 | 771.2 | 1,020.5 | 495.4 | 62.2 | 29.5 | 132.3 |
| 1950-51 .. | 279.6 | 1,017.6 | 1,297.2 | 598.5 | 71.4 | 64.0 | 129.5 |
| 1951-52 .. | 271.7 | 1,091.6 | 1,363.3 | 759.7 | 72.2 | 61.7 | 196.6 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 278.6 | 919.5 | 1,198.1 | 581.3 | 68.5 | 44.9 | 127.9 |
| November .. | 280.9 | 962.1 | 1,243.0 | 594.8 | 67.5 | 50.0 | 127.1 |
| December (e) .. | 278.1 | 1,008.5 | 1,286.6 | 610.3 | 73.2 | 58.6 | 128.7 |
| January .. | 279.7 | 1,026.8 | 1,306.5 | 603.4 | 75.7 | 64.1 | 126.0 |
| February .. | 278.2 | 1,079.0 | 1,357.2 | 618.1 | 76.8 | 69.2 | 132.0 |
| March .. | 277.5 | 1,186.9 | 1,464.4 | 629.1 | 90.9 | 102.0 | 131.2 |
| April .. | 285.5 | 1,193.0 | 1,478.5 | 624.0 | 83.1 | 115.0 | 120.7 |
| May .. | 289.7 | 1,181.4 | 1,471.1 | 620.4 | 72.0 | 108.5 | 126.8 |
| June .. | 285.5 | 1,121.9 | 1,407.4 | 635.4 | 62.4 | 73.7 | 123.0 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 287.4 | 1,079.6 | 1,367.0 | 656.9 | 66.6 | 61.2 | 119.3 |
| August .. | 284.1 | 1,065.2 | 1,349.3 | 672.8 | 68.1 | 69.8 | 106.4 |
| September .. | 280.6 | 1,051.0 | 1,331.6 | 701.2 | 64.6 | 65.8 | 99.4 |
| October .. | 275.4 | 1,059.6 | 1,335.0 | 729.5 | 66.4 | 54.4 | 93.0 |
| November .. | 272.5 | 1,074.5 | 1,347.0 | 759.7 | 72.9 | 47.0 | 89.0 |
| December (e) .. | 271.2 | 1,135.3 | 1,406.5 | 765.6 | 83.2 | 65.3 | 87.8 |
| January .. | 266.8 | 1,110.8 | 1,377.6 | 782.3 | 80.4 | 59.8 | 84.9 |
| February .. | 267.2 | 1,127.8 | 1,395.0 | 799.2 | 77.4 | 60.0 | 87.8 |
| March .. | 267.7 | 1,143.2 | 1,410.9 | (f) 808.2 | 76.7 | 67.6 | (f) 95.8 |
| April .. | 268.8 | 1,147.8 | 1,416.6 | 810.4 | 77.1 | 67.7 | 96.7 |
| May .. | 260.2 | 1,084.5 | 1,344.7 | 814.6 | 64.1 | 62.3 | 98.4 |
| June .. | 255.9 | 1,026.3 | 1,282.2 | 827.9 | 72.0 | 59.4 | 99.4 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 249.5 | 975.2 | 1,224.7 | 827.7 | (g) 96.3 | (g) 50.5 | 102.4 |
| August .. | 249.4 | 962.4 | 1,211.8 | 817.6 | 98.1 | 64.3 | 104.6 |
| September .. | 250.3 | 955.1 | 1,205.4 | 806.1 | 96.3 | 75.1 | 107.8 |
| October .. | 250.9 | 983.0 | 1,233.9 | 797.1 | 96.0 | 104.0 | 114.4 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act 1945*. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 48.

(c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only. (f) See footnote (d), page 48. (g) See footnote (e), page 48.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1945–46(b) | .. | 46.7 | 43.5 | 14.7 | 8.7 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 0.1 |
| 1946–47.. | .. | 58.1 | 52.9 | 16.8 | 10.5 | (c) 7.1 | 3.4 | 0.1 |
| 1947–48(e) | .. | (d) 69.4 | 61.2 | 19.9 | 12.7 | 8.7 | 3.9 | 0.1 |
| 1948–49.. | .. | 83.1 | 74.3 | 24.3 | 15.5 | 10.7 | 4.7 | 0.2 |
| 1949–50.. | .. | 104.9 | 97.8 | 29.5 | 19.3 | 13.7 | 5.6 | 0.3 |
| 1950–51.. | .. | 145.1 | 134.9 | 39.0 | 26.8 | 19.3 | 7.4 | 0.4 |
| 1951–52.. | .. | 156.6 | 142.3 | 41.5 | 30.8 | 21.8 | 8.9 | 0.5 |
| 1950–51— | | | | | | | | |
| October | .. | 135.5 | 129.5 | 38.7 | 24.7 | 17.8 | 6.5 | 0.4 |
| November | .. | 147.9 | 132.3 | 40.6 | 24.9 | 19.0 | 6.4 | 0.4 |
| December | .. | 158.0 | 141.0 | 40.9 | 28.3 | 20.5 | 6.8 | 0.3 |
| January.. | .. | 131.6 | 125.7 | 35.1 | 25.2 | 21.9 | 6.4 | 0.4 |
| February | .. | 161.1 | 149.0 | 38.7 | 30.4 | 22.6 | 8.5 | 0.4 |
| March | .. | 160.0 | 143.5 | 40.6 | 32.8 | 20.6 | 8.6 | 0.4 |
| April .. | .. | 161.1 | 169.9 | 44.6 | 30.2 | 25.0 | 8.5 | 0.4 |
| May .. | .. | 167.3 | 156.6 | 44.5 | 30.3 | 19.6 | 8.6 | 0.4 |
| June .. | .. | 168.2 | 149.3 | 45.0 | 30.5 | 18.7 | 8.9 | 0.4 |
| 1951–52— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 159.4 | 148.3 | 45.5 | 30.3 | 20.3 | 9.2 | 0.5 |
| August .. | .. | 141.8 | 128.2 | 38.6 | 25.6 | 19.1 | 7.9 | 0.4 |
| September .. | .. | 153.0 | 130.8 | 40.6 | 27.3 | 18.9 | 8.3 | 0.4 |
| October .. | .. | 162.9 | 150.0 | 46.0 | 31.5 | 21.8 | 8.2 | 0.5 |
| November | .. | 170.5 | 148.8 | 42.2 | 30.5 | 21.4 | 8.4 | 0.4 |
| December | .. | 175.9 | 157.4 | 46.5 | 35.4 | 23.5 | 9.6 | 0.5 |
| January .. | .. | 146.2 | 133.3 | 36.5 | 27.2 | 24.5 | 7.4 | 0.4 |
| February | .. | 155.3 | 153.4 | 38.4 | 33.9 | 24.3 | 9.0 | 0.4 |
| March | .. | 152.1 | 142.2 | 39.1 | 34.3 | 22.3 | 10.2 | 0.5 |
| April .. | .. | 153.3 | 142.7 | 40.5 | 32.2 | 22.5 | 9.5 | 0.5 |
| May .. | .. | 155.9 | 141.7 | 40.9 | 32.1 | 22.6 | 9.5 | 0.5 |
| June .. | .. | 158.4 | 135.4 | 44.6 | 30.7 | 20.5 | 9.6 | 0.5 |
| 1952–53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 149.0 | 129.2 | 44.4 | 31.1 | 20.5 | 9.4 | 0.6 |
| August .. | .. | 130.1 | 116.5 | 38.5 | 26.3 | 19.3 | 8.1 | 0.5 |
| September .. | .. | 143.0 | 116.3 | 41.1 | 26.2 | 17.9 | 8.2 | 0.5 |
| October .. | .. | 152.7 | 122.1 | 43.9 | 28.0 | 21.2 | 8.1 | 0.5 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

(c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See footnote (d) on previous page. (e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. | | | | | | | | | War Savings and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding. |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---|
| | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens- land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. | |
| 1936–37 .. | 82.0 | 75.7 | 27.3 | 26.5 | 11.8 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 230.9 | .. |
| 1937–38 .. | 86.0 | 78.9 | 28.2 | 27.2 | 12.0 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 240.4 | .. |
| 1938–39 .. | 87.5 | 80.5 | 29.0 | 27.4 | 12.4 | 8.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 245.6 | .. |
| 1945–46 .. | 236.2 | 211.3 | 90.1 | 65.9 | 38.3 | 20.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 663.6 | 54.7 |
| 1946–47 .. | 231.4 | 216.1 | 85.6 | 67.9 | 36.6 | 20.9 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 660.0 | 59.5 |
| 1947–48 .. | 237.0 | 226.4 | 84.8 | 73.6 | 36.2 | 21.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 681.3 | 64.5 |
| 1948–49 .. | 244.5 | 239.3 | 87.4 | 81.2 | 37.5 | 22.4 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 714.2 | 62.2 |
| 1949–50 .. | 258.9 | 257.1 | 92.2 | 87.7 | 39.6 | 24.3 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 762.1 | 55.0 |
| 1950–51 .. | 284.5 | 281.8 | 98.8 | 97.8 | 44.7 | 27.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 837.4 | 48.1 |
| 1951–52 .. | 304.5 | 300.8 | 102.7 | 103.7 | 47.2 | 30.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 891.9 | 41.8 |
| 1950–51— | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 259.3 | 258.3 | 93.4 | 88.6 | 40.0 | 24.6 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 766.6 | 52.7 |
| November .. | 259.0 | 258.5 | 93.4 | 88.9 | 39.9 | 24.5 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 766.7 | 52.1 |
| December .. | 260.1 | 259.3 | 93.8 | 89.3 | 39.8 | 24.5 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 769.2 | 51.4 |
| January .. | 261.7 | 260.9 | 93.8 | 90.2 | 40.0 | 24.7 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 773.7 | 50.9 |
| February .. | 264.4 | 262.2 | 94.2 | 91.3 | 40.5 | 25.2 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 780.2 | 50.3 |
| March .. | 278.7 | 273.6 | 98.4 | 95.0 | 43.3 | 26.3 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 817.8 | 49.7 |
| April .. | 279.4 | 274.8 | 98.2 | 95.5 | 43.6 | 26.5 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 820.6 | 49.2 |
| May .. | 279.8 | 277.0 | 98.6 | 95.8 | 43.9 | 26.7 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 824.4 | 48.7 |
| June .. | 284.5 | 281.8 | 98.8 | 97.8 | 44.7 | 27.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | (a) 837.4 | 48.1 |
| 1951–52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 285.5 | 283.3 | 99.3 | 98.7 | 44.9 | 27.5 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 841.9 | 47.6 |
| August .. | 287.4 | 285.0 | 100.2 | 99.6 | 45.6 | 28.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 848.5 | 47.0 |
| September .. | 288.9 | 286.8 | 100.7 | 99.4 | 45.7 | 28.1 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 852.4 | 46.4 |
| October .. | 290.7 | 288.2 | 101.0 | 99.8 | 46.0 | 28.3 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 856.8 | 45.9 |
| November .. | 292.5 | 289.8 | 101.6 | 100.3 | 46.2 | 28.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 861.7 | 45.4 |
| December .. | 293.2 | 290.2 | 101.7 | 100.6 | 46.0 | 28.5 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 862.9 | 44.8 |
| January .. | 295.3 | 293.0 | 101.4 | 101.6 | 46.3 | 28.7 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 869.1 | 44.3 |
| February .. | 296.9 | 294.1 | 100.8 | 102.3 | 46.3 | 29.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 872.4 | 43.9 |
| March .. | 297.7 | 294.8 | 100.5 | 102.4 | 46.3 | 29.4 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 873.9 | 43.5 |
| April .. | 299.3 | 295.5 | 100.8 | 102.4 | 46.5 | 29.6 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 876.9 | 42.8 |
| May .. | 299.0 | 295.7 | 100.7 | 101.5 | 46.2 | 29.7 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 875.6 | 42.3 |
| June .. | 304.5 | 300.8 | 102.7 | 103.7 | 47.2 | 30.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | (a) 891.9 | 41.8 |
| 1952–53— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 307.1 | 303.5 | 103.5 | 105.0 | 47.7 | 30.3 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 900.1 | 41.3 |
| August .. | 308.5 | 305.1 | 104.1 | 105.7 | 48.0 | 30.6 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 905.0 | 40.7 |
| September .. | 310.0 | 306.8 | 105.0 | 106.0 | 48.4 | 30.7 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 910.0 | 40.1 |
| October .. | 312.8 | 308.9 | 106.5 | 107.1 | 48.7 | 30.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 918.0 | 39.5 |

(a) Interest added 1950–51, £12.8m.; 1951–52, £14.0m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

| Period. | Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits. | | | | C'wealth. Savings Bank. Deposits (maxi- mum rate of interest). | Treasury Bills (Discount Rates). | C'wealth. Govt. Securities. | | Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities. | | | |
|---------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates. | | | | | |
| | 3 months. | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | | | Under 5 years. | 10 years and over. | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 2.00 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 1.75 | (a) 3.57 | (a) 3.94 | (b) 5.3 | | | |
| 1937-38 .. | 2.00 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.30 | 3.71 | 5.4 | | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 2.00 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.67 | 3.84 | 5.5 | | | |
| | | | | | | | Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Short- dated, 2 years. | Long- dated, 12 years. | | | | |
| | | | | | | | (c) | (c) | | | | |
| 1945-46 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.10 | d 1.60 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 2.19 | 3.24 | 4.7 | | | |
| 1946-47 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.93 | 3.21 | 4.5 | | | |
| 1947-48 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 2.34 | 3.16 | 4.4 | | | |
| 1948-49 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.96 | 2.07 | 3.12 | 4.4 | | | |
| 1949-50 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 1.95 | 3.13 | 4.4 | | | |
| 1950-51 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 1.99 | 3.21 | 4.4 | | | |
| 1951-52 .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.05 | 3.95 | 4.4 | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 1.96 | 3.13 | 4.4 | | | |
| November .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 1.96 | 3.14 | 4.4 | | | |
| December .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.00 | 3.17 | 4.4 | | | |
| January .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 1.98 | 3.15 | 4.4 | | | |
| February .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.00 | 3.21 | 4.4 | | | |
| March .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.02 | 3.27 | 4.4 | | | |
| April .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.00 | 3.28 | 4.4 | | | |
| May .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.00 | 3.24 | 4.4 | | | |
| June .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.05 | 3.51 | 4.4 | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.03 | 3.73 | 4.4 | | | |
| August .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.03 | 3.82 | 4.4 | | | |
| September .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.04 | 3.83 | 4.4 | | | |
| October .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.01 | 3.80 | 4.4 | | | |
| November .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.02 | 3.76 | 4.4 | | | |
| December .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 1.99 | 3.75 | 4.4 | | | |
| January .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.04 | 3.82 | 4.4 | | | |
| February .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.03 | 3.82 | 4.4 | | | |
| March .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.00 | 3.81 | 4.4 | | | |
| April .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.07 | 4.19 | 4.4 | | | |
| May .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.13 | 4.43 | 4.4 | | | |
| June .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.21 | 4.62 | 4.4 | | | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 2.40 | 4.51 | 4.5 | | | |
| August (e) .. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 2.58 | 4.49 | 4.5 | | | |
| September .. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 2.94 | 4.61 | 4.5 | | | |
| October .. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 3.05 | 4.68 | 4.6 | | | |

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.

(b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12

years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.

(d) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50% on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00% on amounts in excess. (e) The Order made by

the Commonwealth Bank under the National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations fixing maximum rates of interest was revoked as at 29th July, 1952.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

| Period. | Exchange Rates. | | | Gold Prices. | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Australia on London.(a) | London on New York.(a) | Australia on New York.(b) | Australia.(c) | London. |
| | £A. per £100 stg. | \$ per £ stg. | \$ per £ A. | £A. per fine oz. | £ stg. per fine oz. |
| 1936-37 | 125.25 | 4.939 | 3.929 | 8.761 | 7.041 |
| 1937-38 | 125.25 | 4.980 | 3.961 | 8.690 | 7.001 |
| 1938-39 | 125.25 | 4.738 | 3.759 | 9.137 | 7.340 |
| 1945-46 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.198 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1946-47 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.199 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1947-48 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.200 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1948-49 | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.204 | 10.763 | 8.613 |
| 1949-50 | 125.25 | 3.074 | 2.445 | 14.443 | 11.557 |
| 1950-51 | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| 1951-52 | 125.25 | 2.796 | 2.224 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| 1950-51— | | | | | |
| October | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| November | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| December | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| January | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| February | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| March | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| April | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| May | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| June | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | |
| July | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| August | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| September | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| October | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| November | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| December | 125.25 | 2.795 | 2.225 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| January | 125.25 | 2.782 | 2.213 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| February | 125.25 | 2.781 | 2.213 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| March | 125.25 | 2.797 | 2.225 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| April | 125.25 | 2.808 | 2.234 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| May | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| June | 125.25 | 2.785 | 2.216 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | |
| July | 125.25 | 2.788 | 2.218 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| August | 125.25 | 2.789 | 2.218 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| September | 125.25 | 2.783 | 2.214 | 15.492 | 12.400 |
| October | 125.25 | 2.793 | 2.222 | 15.492 | 12.400 |

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers.
price paid by the mints in Australia.

(b) Selling rate. Direct quotation.

(c) Average

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period. | New Policies Issued.(b) | | | | Premiums.(c) | | Claims, &c., Paid.(d) | | New Loans Granted. (e) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Ordinary Department. | | Industrial Department. | | Ordinary Depart- ment. | Industrial Depart- ment. | Ordinary Depart- ment. | Industrial Depart- ment. | |
| | Number. | Sum Assured. | Number. | Sum Assured. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1937 | 12,296 | 4,120 | 36,148 | 1,684 | 1,045 | 474 | 747 | 223 | n.a. |
| 1938 | 11,470 | 3,867 | 32,757 | 1,530 | 1,075 | 617 | 781 | 246 | n.a. |
| 1939 | 11,293 | 3,886 | 32,125 | 1,545 | 1,144 | 541 | 835 | 303 | n.a. |
| 1946 | 17,057 | 8,341 | 29,891 | 2,218 | 1,839 | 823 | 1,092 | 433 | n.a. |
| 1947(a) | 19,808 | 9,549 | 26,271 | 2,316 | 2,113 | 889 | 1,052 | 456 | n.a. |
| 1947-48(a) | 20,171 | 10,077 | 26,915 | 2,492 | 2,258 | 910 | 1,044 | 471 | 1,057 |
| 1948-49 | 20,201 | 10,618 | 25,254 | 2,458 | 2,539 | 967 | 1,112 | 497 | 1,476 |
| 1949-50 | 20,538 | 12,243 | 24,999 | 2,509 | 2,877 | 1,003 | 1,224 | 512 | 2,778 |
| 1950-51 | 21,642 | 15,206 | 22,713 | 2,423 | 3,210 | 1,043 | 1,310 | 491 | 3,893 |
| 1951-52 | 23,607 | 18,464 | 23,216 | 2,817 | 3,651 | 1,102 | 1,441 | 546 | 3,963 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 30,918 | 18,353 | 28,496 | 2,984 | 3,059 | 1,009 | 1,422 | 512 | 2,768 |
| October .. | 18,273 | 11,894 | 28,880 | 2,930 | 3,020 | 1,087 | 1,387 | 527 | 4,112 |
| November .. | 20,832 | 14,221 | 23,539 | 2,444 | 3,092 | 1,129 | 1,348 | 495 | 3,451 |
| December .. | 24,895 | 19,676 | 15,836 | 1,642 | 3,359 | 1,198 | 1,221 | 470 | 5,503 |
| January .. | 12,163 | 8,221 | 8,162 | 885 | 2,824 | 687 | 1,077 | 366 | 2,692 |
| February .. | 15,816 | 10,631 | 21,445 | 2,307 | 2,712 | 1,021 | 1,187 | 463 | 4,152 |
| March .. | 20,629 | 15,251 | 22,817 | 2,512 | 3,099 | 1,087 | 1,240 | 483 | 3,956 |
| April .. | 20,965 | 15,945 | 24,704 | 2,728 | 3,049 | 1,078 | 1,419 | 476 | 3,753 |
| May .. | 23,566 | 18,249 | 23,044 | 2,588 | 3,625 | 1,093 | 1,405 | 523 | 4,803 |
| June .. | 26,558 | 20,711 | 22,352 | 2,543 | 4,096 | 1,022 | 1,341 | 513 | 4,658 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 24,178 | 19,569 | 27,368 | 3,138 | 3,964 | 1,119 | 1,483 | 576 | 6,083 |
| August .. | 29,639 | 21,861 | 23,916 | 2,798 | 3,610 | 1,131 | 1,410 | 547 | 4,560 |
| September .. | 29,451 | 22,258 | 27,768 | 3,405 | 3,466 | 1,013 | 1,414 | 503 | 4,771 |
| October .. | 23,155 | 18,376 | 26,172 | 3,119 | 3,421 | 1,176 | 1,549 | 564 | 4,333 |
| November .. | 23,659 | 17,291 | 22,817 | 2,763 | 3,541 | 1,228 | 1,471 | 570 | 3,599 |
| December .. | 28,745 | 26,194 | 17,366 | 2,100 | 3,586 | 1,209 | 1,316 | 492 | 3,999 |
| January .. | 12,675 | 9,102 | 8,110 | 970 | 3,281 | 745 | 1,302 | 427 | 3,244 |
| February .. | 18,206 | 13,932 | 21,745 | 2,641 | 3,251 | 1,118 | 1,369 | 558 | 3,418 |
| March .. | 23,337 | 16,515 | 30,099 | 3,754 | 3,612 | 1,150 | 1,489 | 583 | 3,103 |
| April .. | 20,371 | 16,980 | 20,496 | 2,519 | 3,566 | 1,040 | 1,441 | 500 | 3,146 |
| May .. | 25,022 | 19,926 | 25,619 | 3,209 | 3,876 | 1,155 | 1,518 | 622 | 4,066 |
| June .. | 24,842 | 19,567 | 27,118 | 3,389 | 4,643 | 1,140 | 1,525 | 616 | 3,233 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 24,927 | 20,402 | 23,088 | 2,887 | 4,491 | 1,163 | 1,708 | 644 | 3,411 |
| August .. | 27,852 | 19,677 | 22,094 | 2,777 | 3,841 | 1,088 | 1,617 | 665 | 2,749 |
| September .. | 30,510 | 22,833 | 32,793 | 4,234 | 4,407 | 1,271 | 1,747 | 623 | 2,642 |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash.

(e) Excludes advances of premiums.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

| Government of— | July-September, 1951-52. | | | July-September, 1952-53. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Revenue. | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (-). | Revenue. | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (-). |
| New South Wales(b) .. | 33,567 | 34,291 | — 724 | 39,711 | 41,356 | — 1,645 |
| Victoria | 14,723 | 18,561 | — 3,838 | 17,730 | 22,897 | — 5,167 |
| Queensland | 12,837 | 12,182 | + 655 | 14,297 | 15,395 | — 1,098 |
| South Australia | (c) 7,550 | 8,465 | — 915 | 8,702 | 10,369 | — 1,667 |
| Western Australia | 7,829 | 7,887 | — 58 | 7,529 | 9,018 | — 1,489 |
| Tasmania | 2,274 | 2,493 | — 219 | 2,339 | 2,814 | — 475 |
| Six States | 78,780 | 83,879 | — 5,099 | 90,308 | 101,849 | — 11,541 |
| Commonwealth | 189,059 | 188,184 | + 875 | 222,171 | 210,944 | + 11,227 |
| Grand Total | 238,549 | 242,773 | — 4,224 | 279,280 | 279,594 | — 314 |

| Government of— | 1950-51. | | | 1951-52. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Revenue. | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (-). | Revenue. | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (-). |
| New South Wales(b) .. | 130,653 | 130,620 | + 33 | 168,935 | 168,837 | + 98 |
| Victoria | 63,544 | 63,888 | — 344 | 81,660 | 84,065 | — 2,405 |
| Queensland | 44,723 | 44,625 | + 98 | 55,753 | 55,708 | + 45 |
| South Australia | 31,072 | 30,842 | + 230 | (c) 37,588 | 37,499 | + 89 |
| Western Australia | 28,973 | 28,814 | + 159 | 33,955 | 34,547 | — 592 |
| Tasmania | 7,820 | 8,066 | — 246 | 10,469 | 10,871 | — 402 |
| Six States | 306,785 | 306,855 | — 70 | 388,360 | 391,527 | — 3,167 |
| Commonwealth | 841,792 | 841,792 | .. | 1,016,828 | 1,016,828 | (d) .. |
| Grand Total | 1,034,300 | 1,034,370 | — 70 | 1,261,299 | 1,264,466 | — 3,167 |

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (c) Excludes 1950-51 surplus carried forward. (d) Budget balanced by Special Appropriation of the surplus £98,500,000 to the National Debt Sinking Fund.

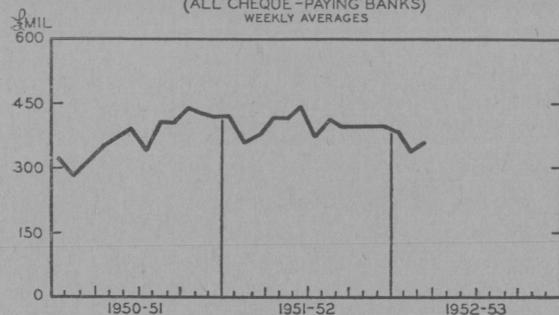
COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

(£'000.)

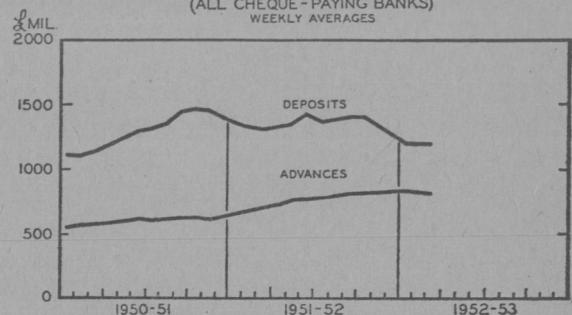
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|---------------------|--|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Common-wealth. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total. |
| At 31st Oct., 1952— | | | | | | | | |
| Australia (b) .. | 213,280 | .. | 5,000 | .. | 1,000 | 2,078 | 300 | 221,658 |
| London .. | 970 | 9,796 | 5,805 | .. | 3,816 | 2,960 | 491 | 23,838 |
| At 31st Oct., 1951— | | | | | | | | |
| Australia (b) .. | 128,280 | .. | 2,000 | .. | .. | .. | 1,000 | 131,280 |
| London .. | 1,220 | 9,796 | 5,805 | .. | 3,816 | 2,960 | 491 | 24,088 |

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling.
(b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

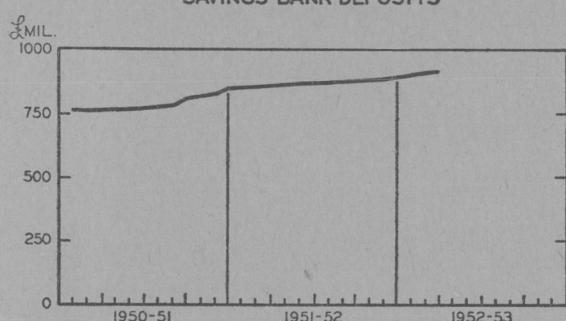
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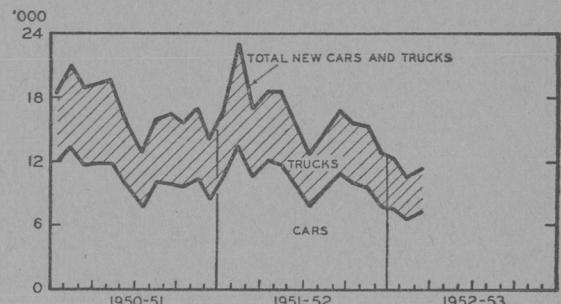
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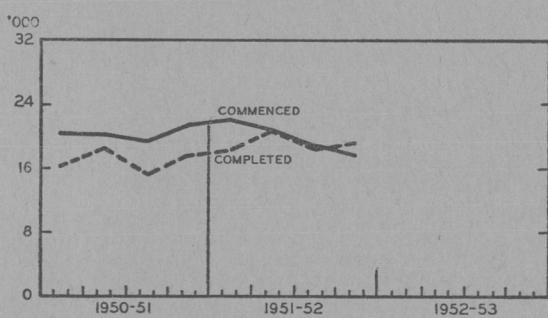
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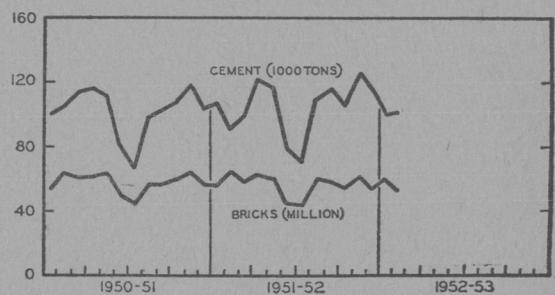
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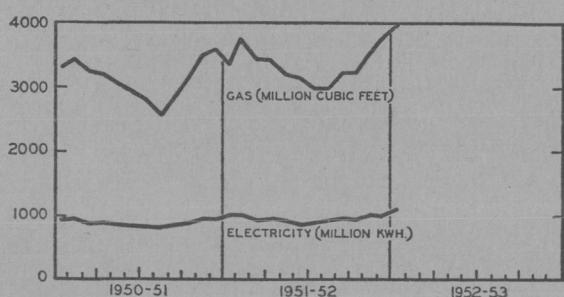
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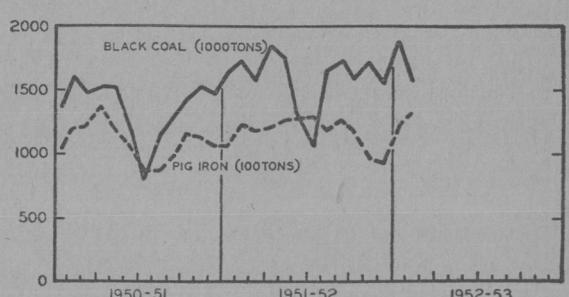
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